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BENNINGTON
New Hampshire

This picture shows the engine coming over the trestle to the Paper mill - This is the famous covered railroad bridge illustrated on the back cover - which burned in the 1960's. A lot of history is covered by these two pictures.

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for the year ending

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

James G. Dodge Term Expires March 1990

SELECTMEN

Erving A. LeCain Term Expires March 1989
James E. Trow Term Expires March 1990
James P. Sweeney Term Expires March 1991

TOWN CLERK

Cheryl L. Woods Term Expires March 1989

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner Term Expires March 1989

TAX COLLECTOR

Denise P. French Term Expires March 1989

ROAD AGENT

Mark S. Chase Term Expires March 1989

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elaine Barrett Term Expires March 1989
Joseph MacGregor Term Expires March 1989
David Glynn Term Expires March 1991

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Roy Johnson Term Expires March 1989
John French Term Expires March 1989
Timothy Hogue Term Expires March 1990

FIRE CHIEFS

John French, Chief Term Expires March 1989
Donald Taylor, 1st Deputy Term Expires March 1989
Lawrence Seneschal, 2nd Deputy Term Expires March 1989

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Frank Cordelle Term Expires March 1991

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Peter Eppig Appointed
Dennis McKenney By
Jane Tazelaar Moderator
Barbara Varnum For
Russell Young One Year

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Joint with Antrim and Francestown

Elaine Barrett Carrie Whittemore

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Russell Young	Term Expires March 1989
Elizabeth Chase	Term Expires March 1990
Herman Skinner	Term Expires March 1994

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Roy Johnson	Term Expires March 1989
Paul Kyte	Term Expires March 1990
Joy Levesque	Term Expires March 1991

OFFICER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Barbara Huntley	Term Expires March 1989
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TOWN HALL JANITOR

Timothy Hogue	Term Expires March 1989
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SEXTON Selectmen

CHIEF OF POLICE

David E. Mancini	Appointed
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lorraine A. Mazur	Appointed
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD Appointed by Selectmen

Wayne Roy	Term Expires March 1989
Elaine Barrett	Term Expires March 1990
James Trow, ex-officio	Term Expires March 1990
Herbert Flanders	Term Expires March 1991
Frank Cordelle	Term Expires March 1992
Peter Eppig, Alternate	Term Expires March 1991

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Appointed by Selectmen

Russell Young	Term Expires March 1989
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires March 1990
Joseph MacGregor	Term Expires March 1991
David Barrett	Term Expires March 1992
John Cronin, III	Term Expires March 1993
Elizabeth Chase, Alternate	Term Expires March 1991
John French, Alternate	Term Expires March 1991

BUILDING INSPECTOR

David Beck	Appointed
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TOWN HALL BYLAWS COMMITTEE Appointed by Moderator

Sandra Cleary	Term Expires March 1989
Joy Levesque	Term Expires March 1990
Robert Nay	Term Expires March 1991

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Elaine Barrett
Herbert Flanders
John French
Roy Johnson

David Mancini
Lorraine Mazur
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICE HOURS - AS FOLLOWS:

Town Hall 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. to noon Friday

Tax Collector Available during Town Hall office hours.

Town Clerk Monday & Wednesday
 Noon to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Library Monday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday - Noon to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Selectmen meet each Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board meet the second Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. and
the fourth Monday if a work session is needed.

Library Trustees meet the third Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m.
at the Library.

Recreation Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Water/Sewer Commissioners meet the last Wednesday of each month at
7:30 p.m.

(Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at the Town Hall.)

LANDFILL

Monday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

New landfill stickers will be available after March 20, 1989 at the
Town Office at a fee of \$10 per household (maximum of two stickers
per household) and \$250 per commercial hauler vehicle. This will be
a one time fee.

Emergency telephone number stickers are available at the Town Office
or from the Fire Department.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Bennington on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Bennington on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at eight of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of four amendments to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board relative to the following: (1) non-conforming lots of record; (2) guest cottages/in-law apartments; (3) the density bonus in the commercial/recreation district; and (4) and Interim Growth Management Ordinance? (Ballot questions). (The proposed amendments are printed in their entirety in the Town Report).

Additionally, pursuant to RSA 19:2-a and the vote of the Town at the March 4, 1975 Annual Meeting, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1989 at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to accept legacies and gifts to the Town in trust or otherwise by an individual or individuals, or take any other action relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town by tax collector's deed by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such other manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, negotiate for, contract for, accept and expend and to do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance (financial or otherwise), or take any other action relating thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to clarify its previous action (to authorize the conveyance to Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. of a portion of the former Elizabeth Crocker Bass property consisting of nine tenths of an acre in exchange for a conveyance by Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. of a portion of the former Strombeck property on the eastern side of U.S. Route 202), by providing that such conveyance and exchange shall occur upon action by the Contoocook Valley School District to acquire the remaining portion of said Barr property together with said portion of the Strombeck property for the purpose of erecting school buildings thereon, or take any other action in relation thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to the rules and regulations for the Water Department as recommended by the Water Commissioners. (The proposed amendments are printed in their entirety in the Town Report).

10. To see if the Town will vote to increase the annual salaries of the Supervisors of the Checklist and raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per Supervisor for the same.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate to purchase a replacement fire truck for the Fire Department; and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund, sufficient funds as may be required.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand and five dollars (\$5,005.00) to purchase fire fighter safety equipment.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate to purchase a replacement police cruiser for the Police Department, and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund, sufficient funds as may be required.

14. To see if the Town will vote to (1) raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to install an eight inch water main on the entire length of Eaton Avenue; and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund.

15. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to execute a contract among the towns included within the Contoocook Valley School District which provides for the establishment of comparable practices and procedures among the towns relative to the valuation of real estate for real estate assessment purposes, or take any other action relating thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of preliminary and final capping of the Bennington Landfill together with the acquisition of equipment for a transfer station; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in this fund; and (3) to name the Selectmen as agents to carry out the objects of this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town's representatives to the General Court to respond to our solid waste crisis by taking all necessary measures to insure that New Hampshire adopt legislation that will permit consumers to return for refund of deposit within New Hampshire all soda, beer, wine cooler and liquor containers and that all unclaimed deposit monies shall be collected by the State and no less than 80% shall be returned annually to local municipalities for the sole purpose of implementing, expanding and reimbursing community recycling projects. (By petition.)

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to improve drainage along Acre Street (between the library and Hirsh property) by the installation of a new culvert system.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase a road broom for the Highway Department.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for renovations of the Town Hall bathroom and main entranceway.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$655.00) to contribute to a local (or regional if appropriate) Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. This program will enhance the proper disposal of hazardous household products such as paint thinners, solvents, pesticides, and the like.

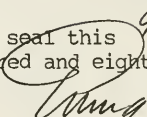
22. To see if the Town will vote to (1) accept the provisions of RSA 36-A relative to conservation commissions and to establish a conservation commission for the promotion and development of the natural resources of the Town and; (2) raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for this purpose. Furthermore, any balance remaining from this sum at year-end may be transferred to a conservation fund account in the hands of the Town Treasurer.


23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget), or take any other action in relation thereto.

24. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.


Erving A. LeCain
Erving A. LeCain


James E. Trow
James E. Trow

James P. Sweeney
James P. Sweeney

Selectmen of Bennington, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:


Erving A. LeCain
Erving A. LeCain

James E. Trow
James E. Trow

James P. Sweeney
James P. Sweeney

May we call to the special attention of the voters that the Warrant items will be taken up Thursday evening, March 16, 1989 at 7:00 P.M.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ BENNINGTON _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989 or for Fiscal Year

From _____ 19__ to _____ 19__

Date 2-2-89

James E. Brown
Robert A. Alcott
Samuel Sweeney

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

R.S.A., Chap. 31, Sect. 95. Immediately upon the close of the fiscal year the budget committee in towns where such committees exist, otherwise the selectmen, shall prepare a budget on blanks prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration. Such budget shall be posted with the town warrant and shall be printed in the town report at least one week before the date of the town meeting.

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 1989 (1989-90) (omit cents)
1 Town Officers' Salary	6,745	6,675	7,110
2 Town Officers' Expenses	47,000	64,862	77,010
3 Election and Registration Expenses	1,250	1,672	600
4 Cemeteries	3,000	656	3,000
5 General Government Buildings	7,500	8,429	8,000
6 Reappraisal of Property			
7 Planning and Zoning	2,000	3,752	5,500
8 Legal Expenses	12,500	6,276	7,500
9 Advertising and Regional Association	6,500	6,096	7,800
10 Contingency Fund	3,000	0	3,000
11 Audit, Independent C.P.A.	4,000	0	4,000
12			
13			
14			
PUBLIC SAFETY			
15 Police Department	49,125	46,994	50,450
16 Fire Department	12,000	17,134	13,500
17 Civil Defense			
18 Building Inspection			
19			
20			
21			
22			
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES			
23 Town Maintenance	33,000	30,266	32,000
24 General Highway Department Expenses	11,000	14,059	11,200
25 Street Lighting	8,500	7,509	8,000
26 Tarring	20,000	23,432	25,000
27			
28			
29			
30			
SANITATION			
31 Solid Waste Disposal	72,000	97,442	117,820
32 Garbage Removal			
33			
34			
35			
36			
HEALTH			
37 Health Department	500	10	500
38 Hospitals and Ambulances			
39 Animal Control			
40 Vital Statistics	50	52	50
41			
42			
43			
WELFARE			
44 General Assistance	10,000	1,172	10,000
45 Old Age Assistance			
46 Aid to the Disabled			
47			
48			

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATIONS 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR 1989 (1989-90)
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
49 Library	8,000	7,517	10,000
50 Parks and Recreation	9,350	8,153	9,000
51 Patriotic Purposes	500	500	500
52 Conservation Commission			
53			
54			
DEBT SERVICE			
55 Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	56,750	56,708	51,708
56 Interest Expense—Long-Term Bonds & Notes	52,000	52,128	49,000
57 Interest Expense—Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	4,000
58 Interest Expense—Other Temporary Loans			
59 Fiscal Charges on Debt			
60			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
61			
62			
63			
64			
65			
66			
67			
68			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
69 Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:	40,000	40,000	40,000
70			
71			
72			
73			
74 General Fund Trust			
75			
MISCELLANEOUS			
76 Municipal Water Department	32,500	49,669	40,000
77 Municipal Sewer Department			
78 Municipal Electric Department			
79 FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	6,500	7,145	8,000
80 Insurance	50,000	42,707	37,500
81 Unemployment Compensation	300	429	450
82 Fees: Town Clerk, Building Inspector	3,000	1,886	1,500
83			
84			
85 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	570,570	603,330	643,698
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes (Line 133)		387,667	
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)		256,031	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	ACTUAL REVENUE 1988 (1988-89) (omit cents)	ESTIMATED REVENUE 1989 (1988-90) (omit cents)
TAXES			
86 Resident Taxes	5,500	5,950	6,000
87 National Bank Stock Taxes			
88 Yield Taxes	500	1,434	1,000
89 Interest and Penalties on Taxes	14,500	19,320	20,000
90 Inventory Penalties	750	532	500
91 Land Use Change Tax		6,000	
92 Road Betterment Assessment	9,250	7,695	8,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE			
93 Shared Revenue-Block Grant	39,500	39,504	39,504
94 Highway Block Grant	18,841	18,841	20,264
95 Railroad Tax		24	
96 State Aid Water Pollution Projects	33,632	33,632	32,393
97 Reimb. a c State-Federal Forest Land			
98 Other Reimbursements			
99 Flood Relief		1,652	
100 NH The Beautiful - Recycling Grant		2,000	
101			
102			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-FEDERAL			
103			
104			
105			
106			
107			
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
108 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	60,000	88,189	80,000
109 Dog Licenses	1,100	874	1,000
110 Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	1,500	4,338	4,000
111			
112			
113			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
114 Income From Departments			
115 Rent of Town Property	1,000	50	
116 Landfill	61,600	67,183	92,906
117 Landfill - Sale of Gravel	1,000	48	
118			
119			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
120 Interests on Deposits	13,000	8,225	5,000
121 Sale of Town Property			
122 Miscellaneous	2,500	4,204	2,500
123 Trust Funds	2,500	2,612	2,600
124 Workmen's Comp. Dividend	2,500	3,432	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
125 Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes			
126 Income from Water and Sewer Departments	60,000	68,873	72,000
127 Withdrawals from Capital Reserve		50,619	
128 Withdrawals from General Fund Trusis			
129 Revenue Sharing Fund			
130 Fund Balance			
131			
132			
133 TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	329,173	435,231	387,667

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen are gravely concerned at the increasing impact of real estate taxes and the substantial financial problems that all residents and taxpayers face as we go into 1989. The major problem continues to be the allocation of district school costs which are approximately 77% of our total real estate tax burden. A revision of that formula is desperately needed. An amendment to the formula will be proposed at the March District Meeting and will be voted on by ballot at the Town Annual Meeting in March. (The district meeting voted last year to have amendments to the Articles of Agreement voted on locally at each town's annual meeting and by ballot). It is vital that the residents and taxpayers support the efforts of their officials by turning out to vote at this meeting.

Lorraine Mazur started as Administrative Assistant this summer. Many of you have met her and are aware of her experience and skills.

The loss of Ed French who had been Town Clerk for many years and the difficulties of replacing him have been, the Selectmen hope, resolved by the appointment of Cheryl Woods. She now has regularly scheduled hours, both afternoon and evening, at the Town Hall. At the last annual meeting, the Selectmen recommended and the town voted to have a professional audit for the year 1988. The audit has been completed and the usual letter from the auditors reviewing the audit is printed elsewhere in this report.

The Town continues to grow and the need for growth management is obvious. The Planning Board presents an interim growth management ordinance for your consideration and the Selectmen ask for your full support for this ordinance. The tax burden of expanded town services and a fast growing school population must be brought under control.

Major leaks within the town water system were detected this spring/summer. They have been repaired, and the pumping time at the Town well has been substantially reduced. The Selectmen voted to join the New Hampshire Municipal Association group of towns who have joined together to provide the necessary insurance coverage for the town at a reduced cost.

The operations at the landfill and the continuing problems that all landfills in the state are struggling with makes it absolutely necessary that we face up to the need for recycling. Recycling of all possible materials will not only provide us some income for the landfill operation, but probably more importantly, will reduce substantially the volume to the landfill which can make for a more efficient operation.

During the coming year, the towns responsible for the landfill plan to make arrangements for the necessary facilities to do a better job of recycling glass, recycling newspapers, and providing space for the separation and processing of all scrap metal. Recycling is going to be a vital part of the future operations and we would appreciate the cooperation of all citizens who use the landfill.

The three towns responsible for the landfill have made the decision that it will be wise and necessary to place final cover in that portion of the landfill which was used in the very early days. Final cover which is intended to prevent future leaching is an expensive project and we will be proposing the establishment of a capital reserve trust fund for that purpose. The covering to be done this coming year will be a part of a longer term project as the years go by.

The Board would like to express their appreciation to all those who volunteer their services on the various boards and committees which help to make the town operate smoothly and efficiently. Without these volunteers, operations of small towns would not be possible. Again, our thanks.

Erving A. LeCain
James E. Trow
James P. Sweeney

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 1988 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Bennington, New Hampshire

- Article 1. The town officers elected for the year ensuing are as per the town clerk's ballot records.
- Article 2. The adoption of the amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the planning board relative to floodplain development, was favorably voted into effect by ballot vote. The ballot results were: 135 yes, 41 no.
- Article 3. By voice vote, the Town raised and appropriated the sum of \$64,000 for highways and bridges.
- Article 4. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.
- Article 5. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such other manner as justice may require.
- Article 6. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to accept legacies and gifts to the Town in trust or otherwise by an individual or individuals.
- Article 7. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend and to do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State or other assistance (financial or otherwise).
- Article 8. A motion was made and seconded to amend the article: To continue the office of the town auditors as elected officials representing the town and its citizens. The motion was defeated. By voice vote, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to employ an independent auditing firm to audit the financial records of the Town commencing with the current calendar year. A motion was made and seconded to amend the appropriation from \$5,000 to \$4,000. The amendment was voted affirmatively and the town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the audit and also voted to discontinue the office of town auditors effective March, 1989.

- Article 9. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to increase the salary of the Town Treasurer to \$750.00. The present salary is \$300.00.
- Article 10. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to repair the Fire Station roof.
- Article 11. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to purchase a four wheel drive truck equipped with plow and wing and with a dump body for the highway dept. The town also voted to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund, sufficient funds as may be required.
- Article 12. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,240.00 to purchase a sander for the highway department. The town also voted to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund, sufficient funds as may be required.
- Article 13. By voice vote, the Town voted to authorize the Planning Board to review and approve or disapprove site plans for the development or change or expansion of use of tracts for non-residential uses or for multi-family dwelling units, which are defined as any structures containing more than two (2) dwelling units, whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.
- Article 14. By voice vote, the Town unanimously voted to ratify the action of the Selectmen in executing a deed releasing to Richard A. Horn and Mary V. Horn the Town's interest, if any, in premises formerly of KDK Corporation on the western side of Acre Street. Many years ago when the bridge was replaced after the flood the angle of the new bridge was slightly different than the original structure. This realignment of the bridge might have possibly created a small strip of state/town land.
- Article 15. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100.00 to paint the west side of the Town Hall and to repair and paint the cupola on the Town Hall roof. It was also suggested that the Selectmen arrange to have the weathervane polished at the same time. (There is a balance of painting appropriation carryover of \$1,340.00.)

- Article 16. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,217.20 as Bennington's portion of the cost in order to maintain the Probation Officer attached to the Hillsboro District Court.
- Article 17. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to build a ramp entrance on the east side of the Town Hall so as to provide access to the Town Offices for the handicapped.
- Article 18. By voice vote, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Tax Collector effective March, 1989.
- Article 19. By voice vote, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Janitor and the Sexton effective March, 1989.
- Article 20. By voice vote, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent and the Officer of Public Welfare effective March 1989.
- Article 21. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to acquire land and to increase and improve parking facilities at the beach at Lake Whittemore, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, and negotiate for, Federal and State grants for such purpose.
- Article 22. By voice vote, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,120.00 (in addition to \$64,000 previously raised for highways and bridges) to pay the normal operating costs of the Town (as set forth in the Town Budget) for the 1988 calendar year. A major item included in the budget is an allocation of \$10,000.00 for compensation of a partial year's salary for an Administrative Assistant.

The Selectmen requested the Moderator to appoint a committee of three citizens to assist the Selectmen in screening for the Administrative Assistant.

In other business, a motion was made and seconded: Moved that the Selectmen of Bennington, in cooperation with the Selectmen of Antrim, move to establish a study committee to establish the feasibility of a dump fee or ban of non-resident trash with special attention to commercial haulers. By voice vote, the motion was passed.

EDWARD E. FRENCH

I have an assignment today which gives me particular pleasure as well as great satisfaction.

We have suddenly realized that this was an important year in the life of a dear friend and fellow town official and we wanted to share that recognition with you.

This year he completes his tenth year as town clerk and prior to that he had retired as tax collector after 25 years of service. Since January 1st of 1958 he has been serving his fellow townspeople as tax collector or town clerk - or both, and always with good cheer and every effort to be obliging and helpful.

He has been a member of the Bennington Fire Department for more that 55 years and if you look in the old town reports, you will find he was dog constable and policeman before the war, and police chief in the late 1940's as well as a supervisor of the checklist.

This coming July he will celebrate his 85th birthday and if I could only hope that I could reach my 80's with as sharp a memory and as happy a disposition, I would count myself the most fortunate of men.

We, his fellow officials and his friends of many years, want to combine a salute and "Thank You" and we would like to have you share it with us. How do you thank a man for a lifetime of community service? You really can't but you can try.

To try to show that appreciation, we have worked with the fire department, the businesses and industry in town, together with the Pierce School PTO to provide a scholarship in his honor for a Bennington Conval student graduating this spring who will be going on to college. The Bennington Congregational Church asked to participate in the funding as an acknowledgement of his many years of church service. We are pleased to be able to tell you that we have a \$2,225 scholarship fund and will provide a college scholarship of \$500 for one of the Bennington high school graduates in each of the next five years.

This is little enough for a half century of service, but please join us now in a truly heartfelt "Thank You" and "Happy Birthday" to Ed French.

I respectfully request that this statement be made a part of the records of this meeting.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 1988 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Bennington, New Hampshire

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator James Dodge at 7:30 p.m. After reading and certification of posting the Moderator proceeded to the consideration of the warrant articles.

After discussion and recommendation of Article One by the Selectmen, the 31 voters unanimously voted that the Town convey to Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. a portion of the former Elizabeth Crocker Barr property consisting of about nine tenths of an acre in exchange for a conveyance by Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc., of a portion of the former Strombeck property on the eastern side of U.S. Route 202, consisting of four acres, and to authorize the Selectmen to take such other action as may be deemed to effectuate such exchange.

Prior to the conveyance, the Elizabeth Crocker Barr property had no road frontage. The exchange with Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. now gives the former Barr property approximately 800 feet of road frontage on U.S. Route 202. The Paper Mill benefits by annexing their industrial property by .9 acres.

Article Two is a preliminary step necessitated prior to a Special School Meeting of the Conval District scheduled for October 19, 1988. The school meeting will vote on Phase I of a school construction bond which, in part, has targeted a new elementary school to be built in Bennington. The Bennington Selectmen and the school district officials have agreed that if the bond is passed the Town would deed to the district a portion of the Elizabeth Crocker Barr property to be used as the site for the new elementary school. In lieu of money the district would deed to the Town the present Pierce School.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the voters unanimously voted to convey to the Contoocook Valley School District a portion of the property formerly known as the Elizabeth Crocker Barr property, together with a portion of the former Knight property to be acquired from Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc., consisting of 15.3 acres, in exchange for a conveyance by the Contoocook Valley School District of certain land and buildings known as the Pierce Elementary School and authorized the Selectmen to take action necessary to effectuate said exchange.

The authority voted in Article Two will come into effect on the passage of the District Bond Issue - either on October 19, 1988 or in March of 1989.

The passage of Article One is final and not contingent on the school bond vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FORM **MS-5**
15-21 881

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT
R.S.A CHAPTER 21-J**

(For the Year Ending December 31, 1988;
June 30, 1989)

Data supplied in this report will be used by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, State Agencies and public interest groups, and by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Your government will no longer receive Census Bureau forms F-21A, RS-9C, or RS-9D.

**PLEASE
RETURN
COMPLETED
FORM TO**

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Municipal Services Division
P.O. Box 457
Concord, NH 03301
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I TAXES — ALL FUNDS		Amount — Omit cents
A. TAXES		
1. Property taxes — current year (1988)		866,250
2. Property taxes — collected in advance		
3. Resident taxes — current year (1988)		5,950
4. Resident taxes — collected in advance		
5. National bank stock taxes — current year (1988)		
6. Yield taxes — current year (1988)		1,434
7. Property and yield taxes — previous years		120,211
8. Resident taxes — previous years		1,100
9. Land use charge tax — current and prior years		6,000
10. Interest and penalties on taxes		16,380
11. Tax sales redeemed		21,930
12. Motor vehicle permit fees		88,189
12. Total taxes collected and remitted to treasurer →	T01	1,127,444
B. LICENSES AND PERMITS		
1. Dog licenses		874
2. Business licenses, permits and filing fees		4,338
3. All other licenses, permits and fees		
4. Total →	T02	5,212

Part II INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES — ALL FUNDS		Amount — Omit cents
A. FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		
1. Federal grants for education	B21	\$
	B50	
2. Federal housing and urban renewal	B81	
3. Water supply system	B88	
4. All other Federal grants — Attached schedule	B84	
5. Federal transit subsidies		
6. Total →		
B. FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
1. Shared revenue	C30	113,766
	C48	
2. Highway block grant	C21	18,841
3. State grants for education	C88	
4. State aid water pollution projects	C90	33,632
5. Housing and community development	C88	1,652
6. All other State grants — Attach schedule		24
7. Total →		167,915
C. FROM OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS		
Reimbursements from other local governments	D88	47,413
Total →		47,413
Part III REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES — ALL FUNDS (Exclude transfers)		
1. Water supply system charges	A81	68,873 *
	A82	
2. Electric utility charges	A80	
3. Sewer charges	A81	*
4. Garbage-refuse collection charges	A81	19,770
5. Parks and recreation charges	A01	
6. Airport charges	A80	
7. Parking charges	A80	
8. Municipal housing project rentals	A03	
9. Sale of cemetery lots	A84	150
10. Transit or bus system	A12	
11. School receipts, including tuition from pupils	A08	
12. Gross receipts from sale of school lunches	A88	
13. Other sales and service charges		
14. Total →		88,793

Part IV MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES — ALL FUNDS (Exclude transfers)		Amount — Omit cents
		U11
1. Sale of city/town property		\$ 3,241
2. Special assessments	Road Betterment	U01 11,128
3. Interest on investments		U20 8,225
4. Rents and royalties	Tax Sale Fees and Costs Plus Redemptions to Others	U40 1,676
5. Withdrawals from capital reserve funds		U88 53,231
6. Other miscellaneous revenue		26,634
7. Total	→	104,135
Part V OTHER FINANCING SOURCES — ALL FUNDS (Exclude transfers)		
1. Proceeds of long term notes		
2. Proceeds of bond issues		
3. Other financing sources — Attach schedule		
4. Total	→	0
Part VI NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS — ALL FUNDS (Exclude transfers)		
1. Tax anticipation notes		
2. Loans in anticipation of bond issues		
3. Loans in anticipation of long term notes		
4. Loans in anticipation of Federal aid		
5. Loans in anticipation of State aid		
6. Yield tax security deposits		
7. Other non-revenue receipts — Attach schedule		
8. Total	→	0
9. TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	→	1,540,912
10. CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1988 (JULY 1, 1989)	→	317,311
11. GRAND TOTAL	→	1,858,223

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS (Report payments to other governments in part XI only)	Maintenance budget item	Capital outlay	
	Salaries, wages and current operations	Purchase of equipment, land and buildings	Construction
	(a)	(b)	(c)
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1. Town officer salaries	£19 6,675		
2. Town officer expenses	£20 57,827	Q19 7,725	F19
3. Election and registration	£89 1,672	Q89	F89
4. Cemeteries	£03 656	Q03	F03
5. General government buildings	£31 16,529	Q31	F31 1,450
6. Financial administration	£33	Q33	F33
7. Reappraisal of property	£23	Q23	F23
8. Planning and zoning	£19 3,752	Q19	F28
9. Judicial and legal expense	£25 6,276	Q25	F15
10. Central administration	£16	Q16	F16
11. Advertising and regional association	£88 6,096	Q88	F88
12. Housing and community development	£50	Q50	F50
13. Contingency fund	£88	Q88	F88
B. PUBLIC SAFETY			
1. Police department	£83 46,994	Q82	F82
2. Fire department	£34 20,134	Q24	F24
3. Civil defense	£88	Q88	F88
4. Building inspection	£88	Q88	F88
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES			
1. City/town maintenance	£44 53,698	Q44 53,810	F44
2. General highway department	£44 13,728	Q44	F44
3. Street lighting	£44 7,509	Q44	F44
4. Parking facilities	£60	Q60	F60
5. Municipal airport	£01	Q01	F01
6. Private transit subsidies	£87	Q	
D. SANITATION			
1. Solid waste disposal	£80 97,773	Q80	F80
2. Garbage and trash removal	£81	Q81	F81

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS – Continued (Report payments to other governments in part XI only)	Maintenance budget item	Capital outlay	
	Salaries, wages and current operations (a)	Purchase of equipment, land and buildings (b)	Construction (c)
E. HEALTH	G32	G32	F32
1. Health department	10		
	G38	G38	F38
2. Payments to private hospitals			
	G33	G33	F33
3. Ambulances			
	G88	G88	F88
4. Animal control			
	G32	G32	F32
5. Vital statistics			
F. EDUCATION	G12	G12	F12
G. WELFARE	G87		
1. Aid to disabled			
	G87		
2. Old age assistance			
	G87		
3. AFDC			
	G88		
4. General assistance	1,172		
	G74		
5. Medical vendor payments			
	G78		
6. Other vendor payments			
	G78	G79	F78
7. Administration			
H. CULTURE AND RECREATION	G82	G82	F82
1. Library	7,517		
	G81	G81	F81
2. Parks and recreation	8,153		
	G88	G88	F88
3. Patriotic purposes	500		
	G88	G88	F88
4. Conservation commission			
I. DEBT SERVICE			
1. Principal long term bonds and notes	56,708		
	G88		
2. Interest-long term bonds and notes (except utility debt)	36,911		
	G81		
3. Interest on water utility debt	15,217		
	G82		
4. Interest on electric utility debt			
	G88		
5. Interest-tax anticipation notes	0		
	G33		
6. Fiscal charges on debt			
J. OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
1. Payments to capital reserve funds by fund			
a. Capital Improvement	40,000		
b.			
c.			
2. Payments to trust funds created – by fund (31:19a)			
a. Cemetery	100		
b.			
c.			
3. Other operating transfers			

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS — Continued (Report payments to other governments in part XI only)	Maintenance budget item	Capital outlay	
	Salaries, wages and current operations	Purchase of equipment, land and buildings	Construction
	(a)	(b)	(c)
K. UTILITIES			
1. Municipal water utility and Sewer	EB1 49,669	GB1	FB1
2. Water utility depreciation			
3. Municipal electric utility	EB2	GB2	FB2
4. Electric utility depreciation			
5. Transit	EB4	GB4	FB4
L. MISCELLANEOUS			
1. FICA, retirement, pension contributions	7,148		
2. Insurance	42,707		
3. Unemployment compensation Other — Specify —	429		
4. Town Clerk Fees	1,195		
5. Vital Statistics	52		
6. Withholding Taxes	(266)		
7.			
8. Total miscellaneous →	EBB 51,265	GBB	FBG
M. UNCLASSIFIED			
1. Payments — tax anticipation notes			
2. Taxes bought by city/town	24,272		
3. Discounts, abatements, refunds	7,655		
4. Payments to trustees of trust funds (new trust funds)			
5. Payment — lien for elderly R.S.A. 72:38A			
6. Refund and payment — yield tax escrow Other — Specify —			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			

Part VII EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS — Continued		Maintenance budget item	Capital outlay	
(Report payments to other governments in part XI only)		Salaries, wages and current operations (a)	Purchase of equipment, land and buildings (b)	Construction (c)
N. PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
1. To State — dog license and marriage licenses				
2. Taxes paid to county		58,246		
3. Payments to precincts				
4. Taxes paid to school district 1988 (): 1989 ()		803,875		
5. Total payments for all purposes		\$1,500,589	\$ 61,535	\$ 1,450
6. Cash on hand 12/31/88 (6/30/89)		294,649		
7. GRAND TOTAL →		\$1,795,238	\$ 61,535	\$ 1,450
Part VIII BONDS AND LONG TERM NOTES AUTHORIZED-UNISSUED			Year (a)	Amount (b)
Purpose — List each separately				
1. _____				
2. _____ N O N E				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
Part IX SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS (As of December 31, 1988 or June 30, 1989)			Purpose* (a)	Amount (b)
A. Long term notes outstanding — List separately				
1. _____ Peterborough Savings Bank			S	28,000
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. Total long term notes outstanding →				28,000
B. Bonds outstanding — List separately				
1. _____ FHA — Water Improvement			W	296,442
2. _____ FHA — Sewer			S	118,700
3. _____ State — Sewer			S	215,000
4. _____ Road Construction			G	80,000
5. _____				
6. Total bonds outstanding →				710,142
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS — 12/31/88 or 6/30/89 — Sum of lines A6 and B6 →				738,142

* Use code "S" for sewer bonds; "W" for water bonds; "G" for general purpose bonds.

Part X DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (a)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
		Issued (b)	Retired (c)	General obligations (d)	Revenue bonds (e)
Water-sewer utility	13A 699,850	28A	39A 41,708	41A 658,142	44A
Industrial revenue	13T	24T	34T		44T
All other debt	13K 95,000	28K	38K 15,000	41K 80,000	44K
Education	13H	23F	33F	44F	41F
Short-term (TAN's) debt outstanding at beginning of fiscal year				B1V \$	NONE
Short-term (TAN's) debt outstanding at end of fiscal year				B4V \$	NONE

Part XI INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Report payments made to the State or other local governments on a reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part IV.

Purpose	Amount paid to other local governments (a)
Schools N	M12 \$
Sewers O	M80
All other — county N	M88
All other — towns E	M88
Purpose	Amount paid to the State (b)
Welfare	L78 \$
Highways	L44
All other purposes	L88

Part XII SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31, 1988.

300
\$ 118,658

Part XIII CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Report separately for each of the three types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Include in the sinking fund total any mortgage and notes receivable held as offsets to housing and industrial financing loans. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents
1. Sinking funds — Reserves held for redemption of long-term debt.	W01 0
2. Bond funds — Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement.	W31 0
3. All other funds except employee retirement funds	W81 294,650

Part XV SCHEDULE OF CITY/TOWN PROPERTY (As of December 31, 1988; June 30, 1989)		Name of city
		BENNINGTON
Description <i>Give value on basis of cost. If no records have been kept, make careful inventory and appraisal of all property belonging to the town.</i>	Value	
1a. City/town hall, lands and buildings	277,000	
b. Furniture and equipment	20,000	
2a. Libraries, lands and buildings	25,000	
b. Furniture and equipment	5,000	
3a. Police Department, lands and buildings		
b. Equipment	7,500	
c. Parking meters		
4a. Fire Department, lands and buildings	110,000	
b. Equipment	60,000	
5a. Highway department, lands and buildings	46,000	
b. Equipment	55,000	
c. Materials and supplies	1,000	
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	35,000	
7. Water supply facilities, if owned by city/town	450,000	
8. Sewer plant and facilities, if owned by city/town	1,150,000	
9. Schools, lands and buildings, equipment		
10. Airports, if owned by city/town		
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds — Give assessed valuation of property so taken listing each piece separately.		
a. _____		
b. _____		
c. _____		
d. _____	NONE	
12. All other property and equipment — Give description		

_____	NONE	
TOTAL →	2,241,500	

BALANCE SHEET		Name of city/town	
		BENNINGTON, N.H. 03442	
Line No.	ASSETS As of December 31, 1988, June 30, 1989		
200	Cash	294,649	36
201	All funds in custody of treasurer (Attach supporting schedule)		
202	In hands of officials (Attach supporting schedule)		
203	Investments (Attach supporting schedule)		
204			
205			
206	TOTAL CASH	294,649	36
207			
208			
209			
210			
211			
212			
213	Accounts due to the city/town	175	14
214	Due from State		
215	Joint highway construction accounts, unexpended balance in State treasury		
216	Other receivables Landfill - Antrim	6,691	92
217	Fracestown	2,230	64
218	New Boston	3,024	00
219	Monadnock Paper Mills	1,666	67
220	Antrim Tires and Scrap	5,291	25
221			
222			
223	Lien for the elderly (R.S.A. 72:38-A) (Offsets similar liability account)		
224			
225			
226	Current Unpaid Onset Road Betterment Assessment	5,423	88
227			
228			
229			
230			
231			
232	Total accounts due to the city	24,503	50
233	Unredeemed taxes -- From tax sale/tax lien on account of --		
234	(a) Levy of 1987	16,970	99
235	(b) Levy of 1988	3,716	16
236	(c) Levy of 1985		
237	(d) Previous years		
238	Total unredeemed taxes	20,687	15
239	Uncollected taxes -- Including all taxes		
240	(a) Levy of 1988	193,956	63
241	(b) Levy of 1987	850	00
242	(c) Levy of 1986	160	00
243	(d) Previous years		
244	(e) Uncollected sewer rents assessments (Offset similar liability account)		
245	Total uncollected taxes	194,966	63
246	Total assets -- Sum of lines 206 + 212 + 232 + 238 + 245	534,806	64
247	Fund balance-current deficit (Excess of liabilities over assets)		
248	GRAND TOTAL -- Sum of lines 246 and 247	534,806	64
249	Fund balance -- December 31, 1987 (June 30, 1988)	105,205	64
250	Fund balance -- December 31, 1988 (June 30, 1989)	98,645	70
251	Change in financial condition -- Decrease	6,559	94

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 1988, June 30, 1989

Line No.			
300	Accounts owed by the city/town	8,256	94
301	Accounts payable — Attach schedule	14,000	00
302	Unexpended balances of special appropriations — Attach schedule		
303	Unexpended balances of bond and note funds — Attach schedule		
304	Sewer fund		
305	Parking meter fund		
306	Unexpended revenue sharing funds		
307	Unexpended law enforcement assistance funds		
308	Unexpended State highway subsidy funds		
309	Performance guarantee (bond) deposits		
310	Uncollected sewer rents/assessments (Offsets similar asset account)		
311			
312			
313	Due to State		
314			
315	Dog license fees collected — Not remitted		
316			
317			
318			
319			
320	Yield tax deposits (Escrow account)		
321	County taxes payable		
322	Precincts taxes payable		
323	School district(s) tax(es) payable	390,764	00
324			
325	Tax anticipation notes outstanding — List each note separately with name of holder and maturity date		
326			
327	Onset Road Betterment Assessment — Prepaid	23,140	00
328	(Funded over 10 Years)		
329			
330			
331			
332	Other liabilities — Attach schedule		
333	Property taxes collected in advance		
334	Loan for the elderly (Offsets similar asset account)		
335			
336			
337	Total accounts owed by the city	436,160	94
338			
339	State and city joint highway construction accounts		
340	(a) Unexpended balance in State treasury		
341	(b) Unexpended balance in city treasury		
342	Total of State and city joint highway construction account		
343	Total liabilities — Sum of lines 337 + 342	436,160	94
344	Fund balance — Current surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	98,645	70
345			
346			
347	GRAND TOTAL — Sum of lines 343 and 344	534,806	64

NOTE Do not include outstanding long term indebtedness among liabilities on this page. Such debt must be reported on pages 7 and 8.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DATE: February 2, 1989

Selectmen Ervin A. LeCain

James E. Trow

Telephone James P. Sweeney

588-2189

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each city. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When made out, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed on file among the city records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

1. For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before March 1, 1989.
2. For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (fiscal year ending June 30, 1989), this report must be filed on or before September 1, 1989.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Municipal Services Division
81 S. Spring Street
P.O. Box 457
Concord, NH 03301-0457

STATE USE ONLY

1. Total, this city's/town's taxes collected and remitted (part A, page 1)

\$

2. Total tax rate for county government and all cities, towns, schools and precincts in this county, including this city

3. This city's/town's tax rate

4. Divide line 3 into line 2

5. Multiply line 4 by line 1



TAX YEAR 1988

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

CITY/TOWN OF Bennington IN Hillsborough COUNTY

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

.....Erving, A. LeCain.....

.....James E. Trow.....

Selectmen ofBennington.....

.....James P. Sweeney.....

DateJune 16..... 1988

(Please sign in ink)

REPORTS REQUIRED AND PENALTY. RSA 21-J:34, as amended provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Dept. of Revenue Administration may require upon blanks prescribed for that purpose. If the certifications are not made to the Dept. of Revenue Administration on or before October first, unless the time is extended by the Dept. of Revenue Administration, the town for which the selectmen act shall pay to the state for its use the sum of five dollars for each day's delay in making certifications. (RSA 21-J:36)

PROPERTY TAX WARRANT. RSA 76:11 as amended provides for delivery of the list (warrant) to the collector within thirty days of receipt of approval of the tax rate unless for good cause the time is extended by the Dept. of Revenue Administration. The collector shall within thirty days after receipt of the warrant from the selectmen send out the tax bills, unless for good cause the time is extended by the Dept. of Revenue Administration.

Return the completed Summary Inventory form, together with the Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed, to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O. Box 457, Concord, N.H. 03301. Do not compute taxes until approval of the rate is received.

I T E M	LAND (Items 1 A, B, & C) - List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic and paving)	A C R E S	19 <u>88</u> ASSESSED VALUATION
	BUILDING (Items 2 A, B, & C) - List all the buildings		
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5 & 6		
	A. Current Use (At Current Use Values)	2,267	\$ 52,092
	B. Residential	4,401	\$ 3,145,435
	C. Commercial/Industrial <u>Mill Dams, Site, Water Treatment and Motel</u>	65	\$ 819,000
	D. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, & C)	6,733	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
	E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$ 604,500) <u>Water Pollution</u>		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5 & 6		
	A. Residential		\$ 11,200,400
	B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 353,900
	C. Commercial/Industrial <u>Mill Buildings, Motel, Greenhouses</u>		\$ 3,063,000
	D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B, & C)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
	E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
3	PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water co. serving public (RSA 72:11)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
4	PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production transmission and distribution including production machinery, land, landrights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual company in space provided on page 4 (RSA 72:8)	Gas	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
5		Electric	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
6		Oil Pipeline	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
7	Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
8	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS. (Total of 1D, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
9	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 (Number)	\$	\$
10	Elderly Exemp. RSA 72:39, 72:43-a & 72:43-f (Number 24)	\$ 260,000	\$
11	Physically Handicapped Exemp. RSA 72:37-a (Number)	\$	\$
12	Solar/Windpower Exemp. RSA 72:62 & 72:66 (Number)	\$	\$
13	School Din./Dormitory/Kitchen Exemp. RSA 72:23 (Number)	\$	\$
14	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemp. RSA 72:12-a (Number 1)	\$ 604,500	\$
15	Wood Heating Energy System Exemp. RSA 72:69 (Number)	\$	\$
16	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 15)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX
17	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 16)		XXXXXXXXXXXXX

List Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes	
● State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and or Flood Control Land	\$
● Other — From:	\$
● Other — From:	\$
● Other — From:	\$
The amounts listed in this section should not be included in the 19____ assessed valuation column above.	
	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

	For Use By Dept. of Revenue (Prior Year) (Valuation) 1987	PRECINCT, SERVICE AREAS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION Where valuation of Precincts and/or School Districts is not identical with the town or city identify the unit of government and/or the service areas in the columnar headings and list valuations and exemptions in the same manner as on Page 2				I T E M
TOTALS	1987					
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						1A
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						1B
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						1C
\$ 4,016,527	3,869,187					1D
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						1E
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2A
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2B
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2C
\$ 14,617,300	12,534,150					2D
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						2E
\$						3
\$						4
\$ 236,470	236,470					5
\$						6
\$						7
\$ 18,870,297	16,639,807					8
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						9
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	(279,500)					10
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						11
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						12
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						13
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	(604,500)					14
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX						15
\$ 864,500	(884,000)					16
\$ 18,005,797						17

UTILITY SUMMARY

ELECTRIC, GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY			
Insert valuation of plant used in production, distribution and transmission. The total in each column should agree with the totals listed under the corresponding items on Page 2 of this report. (RSA 72:8)			
NAME OF COMPANY	GAS Item 4, Page 2	ELECTRIC Item 5, Page 2	OIL, PIPELINE Item 6, Page 2
Public Service of New Hampshire		236,470	
TOTAL			

TYPES OF ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS BEING GRANTED

Check One	Year Adopted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expanded Elderly Exemption19	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjusted Elderly Exemption19	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Elderly ExemptionN/A (See Instructions)	

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT

Number of Individuals	at 5,000	
Applying for an	at 10,000	
Elderly Exemption 1988	at 15,000	
	at 20,000	
Total Number of Individuals	8 at 5,000 =	40,000
Granted an Elderly	9 at 10,000 =	90,000
Exemption 1988	at 15,000 =	
	7 at 20,000 =	140,000
TOTAL	24	270,000
(Item 10, page 2 may not exceed this amount)		

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Section A Applicants Granted In Prior Years	Section B New Applicants Granted for 1988	Totals of Sections A & B
	No. of Acres	No. of Acres	No. of Acres
FARM LAND	33		33
FOREST LAND	1,928	68	1,996
WILD LAND			
1) Unproductive	28		28
2) Productive	153	10	163
3) Natural Preserve			
RECREATION LAND			
WET LAND	47		47
FLOOD LAND			
DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS			

Total Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use 2,267

Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use During Year 13

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Revenue Administration



STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION

TAXES ASSESSED

FOR THE

TAX YEAR 1988

OF THE

CITY/TOWN OF Bennington IN Hillsborough COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief
RSA 21-J.34

Date April 7, 1988

Erving A. LeCain

James E. Trow

James P. Sweeney

(Please Sign in Ink)

Selectmen of Bennington

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS		For Use By Town (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept Of Revenue
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
1	Town officers' salaries	6,745	
2	Town officers' expenses	47,000	
3	Election and Registration expenses	1,250	
4	Cemeteries	3,000	
5	General Government Buildings	7,500	
6	Reappraisal of property		
7	Planning and Zoning	2,000	
8	Legal Expenses	12,500	
9	Advertising and Regional Association	6,500	
10	Contingency Fund	3,000	
11	Auditing Independent, CPA audit	4,000	
12	Probation Officer	1,217	
13			
14			
PUBLIC SAFETY			
15	Police Department	49,125	
16	Fire Department	12,000	
17	Civil Defense		
18	Building Inspection		
19			
20			
21			
22			
HIGHWAYS, STREET, BRIDGES			
23	Town Maintenance	33,000	
24	General Highway Department Expenses	11,000	
25	Street Lighting	8,500	
26	Tarring	20,000	
27			
28			
29			
30			
SANITATION			
31	Solid Waste Disposal	72,000	
32	Garbage Removal		
33			
34			
35			
36			
HEALTH			
37	Health Department	500	
38	Hospitals and Ambulances		
39	Animal Control		
40	Vital Statistics	50	
41			
42			
43			
WELFARE			
44	General Assistance	10,000	
45	Old Age Assistance		
46	Aid to the Disabled		
47			
48			

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS		For Use By Town (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept Of Revenue
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
49	Library	8,000	
50	Parks and Recreation	9,350	
51	Patriotic Purposes	500	
52	Conservation Commission		
53			
54			
DEBT SERVICE			
55	Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	56,750	
56	Interest Expense - Long-Term Bonds & Notes	52,000	
57	Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	
58	Interest Expense - Other Temporary Loans		
59	Fiscal Charges on Debt		
60			
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
61	Fire Station Roof	3,000	
62	Highway Department Truck	50,000	
63	Sander	4,240	
64	Painting Town Hall	8,100	
65	Ramp, Town Hall	1,500	
66	Parking, Whittemore Beach	10,000	
67			
68			
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
69	Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:	40,000	
70			
71			
72			
73			
74	General Fund Trust		
75			
MISCELLANEOUS			
76	Municipal Water Department	32,500	
77	Municipal Sewer Department		
78	Municipal Electric Department		
79	HCA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	6,500	
80	Insurance	50,000	
81	Unemployment Compensation	300	
82	Fees - Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Building Inspector	3,000	
83			
84			
85	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	640,627	

ASSESSOR/SELECTMEN

OVERLAY

Enter in the space provided the amount you estimate will be needed to take care of discounts, abatements or refunds already paid or expected to be paid before the close of the year.

} \$ 5,000

SOURCES OF REVENUE		For Use By Town (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
TAXES			
86	Resident Taxes	7,630	
87	National Bank Stock Taxes		
88	Yield Taxes	500	
89	Interest and Penalties on Taxes	14,500	
90	Inventory Penalties	750	
91	Land Use Change Tax		
92	Road Betterment Assessment	9,250	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-STATE			
93	Shared Revenue-Block Grant	39,504	
94	Highway Block Grant	18,841	
95	Railroad Tax	14	
96	State Aid Water Pollution Projects	33,632	
97	Reimburse State-Federal Forest Land		
98	Other Reimbursements		
99			
100			
101			
102			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-FEDERAL			
103			
104			
105			
106			
107			
LICENSES AND PERMITS			
108	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	60,000	
109	Dog Licenses	1,100	
110	Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	1,500	
111			
112			
113			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
114	Income From Departments	1,000	
115	Rent of Town Property		
116	Landfill	61,600	
117	Landfill, Sale of Gravel	1,000	
118			
119			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
120	Interest on Deposits	13,000	
121	Sale of Town Property		
122	Trust Fund	2,500	
123	Workmens Compensation Insurance Dividend	2,500	
124	Miscellaneous	2,500	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
125	Proceeds of Bonds and Long-Term Notes		
126	Income from Water and Sewer Departments	60,000	
127	Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	54,240	
128	Withdrawals from General Fund Trusts		
129	Revenue Sharing Fund		
130	Fund Balance	63,045	
131			
132			
133	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	448,606	

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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

134	Total Town Appropriations		648,627
135	Total Revenues and Credits		448,606
136	Net Town Appropriations		200,021
137	Net School Tax Assessment(s)		866,792
138	County Tax Assessment		58,246
139	Total of Town, School and County		1,125,059
140	DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement		(74,262)
141	ADD War Service Credits (see page 6)		3,450
142	ADD Overlay		5,034
143	Property Taxes To Be Raised		1,059,281

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	Valuation		Tax Rate		Property Taxes to be Raised
\$	18,005,797	×	58.83	=	\$ 1,059,281
\$		×		=	\$
\$		×		=	\$
	Total Property Taxes to be Raised			\$	1,059,281

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

A	Property Taxes to be Raised	1,059,281
B	Gross Precinct and/or Service Areas Taxes (See page 6)	
C	Total (a + b)	1,059,281
D	Less War Service Credits	3,450
E	Total Tax Commitment	1,055,831

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

TAX RATES	Net Appropriation	Less BPT	Approved Taxes To Be Raised	Approved Tax Rate 1988	Prior Year Tax Rate 1987
Town	208,505	(17,749)	190,756	10.58	5.99
County	58,246	(4,010)	54,236	3.02	3.81
School Dist.	866,792	(52,503)	814,289	45.23	44.06
School Dist.				58.83	53.86

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX IS COMPUTED (line 17 From MS-1) \$ 18,005,797

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS AND TAXES TO BE ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1988 BY PRECINCTS, SERVICE AREAS, VILLAGE DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE VALUATION OR BOUNDARIES ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF THE TOWN OR CITY.

[illegible]

NAME OF SCHOOL/DISTRICT	VALUATION	NET APPROPRIATIONS	TAXES	RAIL	
	\$	\$	\$		
Total Taxes Raised	XXXXXXXXXX	\$	\$	XXXXXX	XXXXXX

TAX CREDITS		Units	Number	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
1	Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homes with V.A. assistance	Unlimited		EXEMPT
2	Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700		
3	Other war service credits	550	69	3,450
4	Other credits (wood, solar, etc.)	XXXX		
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		XXXX	69	\$ 3,450

Will your town assess, levy and collect resident taxes in 1988? Yes X No

If yes, number assessed 763 \times \$ 10. = \$ 7,630

TAX RATE VALUATION	
Local Assessed Valuation on which the tax rate(s) for your governmental units will be computed.	\$ _____
	\$ _____

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1988

	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Total Expended	Unexpended Balance	Over- Draft
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 6,745		\$ 6,745	\$ 6,675	\$ 70	
Town Officers Expenses	47,000		47,000	64,862		\$17,862
Election & Registration	1,250		1,250	1,672		422
Town Hall Expenses	7,500		7,500	8,429		929
Cemeteries	3,000		3,000	656	2,344	
Zoning & Planning Expenses	2,000		2,000	3,752		1,752
Legal Expenses	12,500	(A) 1,317	13,817	6,276	7,541	
Regional Associations	6,500		6,500	6,096	404	
Contingency Fund	3,000		3,000	0	3,000	
Police Department	49,125		49,125	46,994	2,131	
Fire Department	12,000		12,000	17,134		5,134
Town Road Maintenance	33,000		33,000	30,266	2,734	
General Highway Expenses	11,000		11,000	14,059		3,059
Street Lighting	8,500		8,500	7,509	991	
Tarring	20,000		20,000	23,432		3,432
Landfill	72,000	(B) 3,485	75,485	(E)97,442		21,957
Health Department	500		500	10	490	
Vital Statistics	50		50	52		2
General Welfare Assistance	10,000		10,000	1,172	8,828	
Library	8,000		8,000	7,517	483	
Parks & Recreation	9,350		9,350	8,153	1,197	
Memorial Day	500		500	500		
Principal - Long Term Debt	56,750		56,750	56,708	42	
Interest - Long Term Debt	52,000		52,000	52,128		128
Int.-Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000		2,000	0		
Capital Reserve Funds	40,000		40,000	40,000	2,000	

Water & Sewer Department	32,500	(A) 2,020	34,520	49,669	15,149
FICA & Retirement Contrib.	6,500		6,500	7,145	645
Insurance	50,000	(C) 14,758	64,758	42,707	22,051
Unemployment Taxes	300		300	429	129
Fees - Town Clerk and Building Inspector	3,000		3,000	1,885	1,115
Probation Officer	1,217		1,217	0	1,217
Special Appropriations:					
Town Hall Painting	8,100	(D) 1,440	9,540	8,100	1,440
Fire Station Roof	3,000		3,000	3,000	
Ramp to Town Hall	1,500		1,500	1,450	50
Highway Truck & Plow	50,000		50,000	(F) 49,570	430
Sander	4,240		4,240	(F) 4,240	
Audit	4,000		4,000	0	(G) 4,000
Whittemore Beach	10,000		10,000	0	(G) 10,000
	\$648,627	\$23,020	\$671,647	\$669,689	\$72,558
				1,958	1,958
				671,647	72,558

FOOTNOTES:

Receipts & Reimbursements:

- (A) Department expense reimbursement.
- (B) Fees and gravel sales plus \$2,000 study grant.
- (C) Insurance refunds and settlements.
- (D) Carryover from 1987.

Disbursements:

- (E) Landfill costs shared with Antrim, Francetown and Monadhock Paper Mills, Inc.
- (F) Paid by transfer from Capital Reserve Fund and sale of old truck.

Carryover to 1989 of Unspent Balance:

- (G) Carryover to 1989 of unspent balance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

DEBIT

	----- Levies Of ----- 1988	1987	1986
<u>Uncollected Taxes January 1st</u>			
Property Taxes		\$120,517.58	
Resident Taxes		1,950.00	\$160.00
Onset Road Betterment Assess.		81,197.50	
 <u>Taxes Committed to Collector:</u>			
Property Taxes	\$1,057,296.00		
Resident Taxes	7,630.00		
Land Use Change Tax	6,000.00		
Yield Taxes	3,236.00		
Deferred Onset Road Betterment Assessment	80,705.50		
 <u>Added Taxes:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,078.00		
Resident Taxes	470.00		
Finance Charge - Onset Road	4,842.33		
 <u>Int. Collected on Delinquent Taxes</u>	2,257.53	9,219.47	
 <u>Resident Tax Penalties Collected</u>	19.00	110.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$1,163,534.36</u>	<u>\$212,994.55</u>	<u>\$160.00</u>

CREDIT

<u>Remittances To Treasurer</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 866,250.37	\$120,211.28	
Resident Taxes	5,950.00	1,100.00	\$
Land Use Change Tax	6,000.00		
Yield Taxes	1,434.00		
Onset Road Betterment Assess.	7,695.50	492.00	
Finance Charge - Onset Road	2,940.45		
Interest on Taxes	2,257.53	9,219.47	
Resident Tax Penalties	19.00	110.00	
 <u>Abatements Made During Year:</u>			
Property Taxes	1,259.00	306.30	
Resident Taxes	860.00		
 <u>Uncollected Taxes - 12/31/88:</u>			
Property Taxes	190,864.63		
Resident Taxes	1,290.00	850.00	160.00
Yield Taxes	1,802.00		
Deferred Onset Rd. Better. Assess	69,488.00	80,705.50	
Annual Onset Road Installment	5,423.88		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$1,163,534.36</u>	<u>\$212,994.55</u>	<u>\$160.00</u>

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES - 1988

** Abbott Estate, David	\$ 383.00
Aborn, Richard	4.70
Amanda Development Corporation	364.00
Bacon, Ann	265.00
Baybutt, John & Dawn	1,195.00
Bell, John	229.48
Berwick Lumber Company	59.00
Blanchard, David & Linda	14.00
** Blanchard, Eunice, David & Linda	1,632.00
Bomba, James	2,309.00
Bronson, James & Elizabeth	702.00
Buchanan & Kota	64.00
Burnett, Bonnie	649.00
Byam, John & Susan	1,471.00
Byam, Philip	5,324.00
Carr, Thomas & Debra	1,127.00
* Caverly, Virginia	2,206.00
** Chamberlin, Amos & Priscilla	869.98
Chase Jr., Stephen	1,185.00
Cheever, Kevin & Pamela	1,515.00
Chicoine, Richard & Tanya	414.00
Church Estate, Julius	574.00
Clough, Donald & Frances	1,294.00
Clough, Donald M.	1,362.00
Clow, David & Gail	1,127.00
Cochran, Thomas & Elizabeth	286.51
Coffin, Betty	471.00
Coffin & Eppig	2,059.00
Cogswell, Thomas & Katherine	1,188.00
Cole, Richard & Cynthia	1,647.00
Cordatos, Maria	941.00
Cordelle, Frank	2,942.00
Corwin, Beth Ann	1,647.00
Cox, Joseph & Drusilla	861.00
* Curcio & Gannon	10.88
Cutter, Michael & Denise	1,864.11
* Dalton, Caroline	80.00
Davison, Roland & Jean	774.00
Delay Jr., John	392.00
Deliguori & Howatt	1,324.00
Demetry, John	2,324.00
Doyle & Tighe	1,037.00
Dubuque, Paul & Linda	457.00
Elliott, Richard & Norma	1,588.00
Eppig, Peter & Mary	1,753.00
Flanders, Herbert	2,245.00
Flanders, Leona	191.00
Foote Sr., Lester & Sfa	882.00
Fox, Lawrence & Darlene	127.00
French, John & Denise	475.81
Gately, Helen	797.40
** Germain, Philip & Valerie	2,131.93
Gibbons, Henry & Paul	191.00

Gladding, Robert & Nancy	1,808.10
Graham, Gary & Ellen	1,412.00
Granite Camps, Inc.	1,876.00
Greater New England, Inc.	235.00
Hall, Bruce & Sharon	1,883.00
Harriman, Smith	1,471.00
Henderson, James & Gail	1,779.00
Holden, Arthur & Betty	1,294.00
Huntington, Sidney & Nada	638.00
Huntley, Athlon & Barbara	1,052.00
Huntley, Barbara	766.00
*Intown Investment Group	638.00
Jacelon, Cynthia	236.00
Johnson, Carl	706.00
KDK Corporation	2,436.00
Kelso III, Frances & Janice	221.37
Langille, Randy	154.00
Lavoie, Paul	2,971.00
Leete Estate, Grace	154.00
Lefavour, Jean	144.00
Linn, Anthony	191.00
Luby, Pamela	1,175.71
Lussier, Stanley & Carol	1,883.00
**Lyons, Judith	744.55
Lyons, Randall & Teresa	715.00
Maben, James & Suzanne	12.91
MacNutt, John & Joan	909.00
Magoon, Kevin & Denise	1,341.45
Magoon, Marie & Brendan	103.67
Maillette Estate, Joseph	64.00
Marshall, James & Linda	1,258.41
McHale, Francis & Darlene	1,282.89
McInerney, Thomas	745.00
McKinney, Lowell & Carol	3,177.00
*Medlyn, Alfred	41.00
Meier, Laurie Byrne	638.00
Melton, Heather	3,988.00
Mercier, Norman & Jo	1,545.00
Milke, Rolf	13,825.00
Montgomery, Michael & Charlotte	147.00
Morgan, Alan & Pauline	696.75
**Morris, Mark & Nancy	95.00
Nay, Ward	235.00
Nixon, Bruce & Sherry	1,213.00
Nowak, Peter	165.00
Pacsay, Richard & Brenda	1,009.00
Page, Harry	59.00
Parisi, Donna & Alfred	574.00
Pelletier, Edward & Jane	1,773.00
Ranno, Richard	2,353.00
Richard, Gregory	830.00
Ricupero, Kevin	964.00
Ricupero, Kevin & Karen	1,898.00
Rifkin, Mortimer & Angela	127.00
Robertson, Steven & Rachel	223.00

Rockwell, Fred & Eleanor	232.32
Seneschal, Lawrence & Susan	2,000.00
Skerry, David & Judith	949.67
Smith, William	6.50
Spring, Gretchen	126.95
** Starkweather, Gates & Cook	609.94
Strout, Frank & Dawn	1,530.00
** Swage, Warren & Rosemary	1,265.00
Taut, Claire	638.00
Tenney, Beverly	244.00
* Toussaint, Michael & Ann	638.00
Trailside Development, Inc.	46,895.00
Treadwell Jr., Alfred	40.30
** Trust, Deborah	472.34
Varnum, Jerome & Barbara	893.00
Wadleigh, Robert & Linda	1,244.00
Whitney, Gary	957.00
Whittemore Lake, Inc.	2,942.00
Whittemore, Barry & Sfa	303.00
Whittemore, Brian & Carrie	471.00
Whittemore, George & Phebe	479.00
* Wilson, Edward & Libra	333.00
Wilson, Harold	500.00
Wilson, Harold & Christine	1,294.00
** Woods & Hogue	468.98
Yensco, Andrew & Judith	428.02

Total 1988 Unpaid Property Taxes

\$190,864.63

UNPAID 1988 YIELD TAXES

Brochu & Gibbons	\$ 548.00
Fox, Lawrence	405.00
Lussier, Stanley	103.00
Ricupero, Kevin	110.00
Trailside Development, Inc.	636.00
	<u>\$1,802.00</u>

UNPAID 1988 ONSET ROAD BETTERMENT INSTALLMENT

Bacon, Ann	\$ 378.84
** Corbett, David & Linda	378.84
Germain, Philip & Valerie	378.84
Langille, Randy	378.84
Lefavor, Jean	378.84
Sullivan, Kathleen	378.84
Trailside Development, Inc.	3,150.84
	<u>\$5,423.88</u>

Denise P. French,
Tax Collector

* Paid in January

** Partially paid in January

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

DEBIT

	Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies		
	1987	1986	1985
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning Fiscal Year		\$ 7,244.07	\$ 5,778.05
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	\$22,048.88		
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien	209.05	988.69	1,924.25
Redemption Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>28.40</u>	<u>28.40</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$22,257.93</u>	<u>\$ 8,261.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,730.70</u>

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 5,077.89	\$ 5,778.17	\$ 5,735.10
Interest & Costs After Sale	209.05	1,017.09	1,952.65
Deeded to Town During Year			42.95
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Year	<u>16,970.99</u>	<u>1,465.90</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$22,257.93</u>	<u>\$ 8,261.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,730.70</u>

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES

	1987	1986
Cole, Richard & Cynthia	\$ 1,276.13	\$
Cordatos, Maria	118.36	
Cordelle, Frank	3,059.79	
Demetry, John	2,423.64	
Foote, Lester Sr. & Sfa	941.03	
Granite Camps, Inc.	1,982.82	
Hart & Tanzer - to Montgomery	47.12	
Henderson, James & Gail	1,866.98	
Holden, Arthur & Betty	1,364.78	641.12
Johnson, Carl	758.94	363.88
Lussier, Stanley & Carol	779.59	
McCarthy, Joseph	1,016.36	460.90
**Nay, Ward	268.39	
Pacsay, Richard & Brenda	1,067.06	
	<u>\$16,970.99</u>	<u>\$1,465.90</u>

** Partially paid in January

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS TO OTHER PURCHASERS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

DEBIT

	Levies of Tax Sale Accounts to Others		
	** 1987 **	1986	1985
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning Fiscal Year	\$ 0	\$ 2,916.39	\$ 4,188.22
Taxes Sold to Others During Fiscal Year	\$ 0		
Interest Collected After Tax Sale	0	182.59	1,433.56
Redemption Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,098.98</u>	<u>\$ 5,621.78</u>

CREDIT

Remittances to Purchasers:

Redemptions	\$ 0	\$ 617.41	\$ 4,188.22
Interest & Costs After Sale	0	182.59	1,433.56
Deeded to Town During Year	0	48.72	0
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Year	<u>0</u>	<u>2,250.26</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,098.98</u>	<u>\$ 5,621.78</u>

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES

	** 1987 **	1986
Foote, Lester Sr. & Sfa		\$ 305.95
Granite Camps, Inc.		<u>1,944.31</u>
	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$2,250.26</u>

** 1987 ** NOTE:

By ballot vote at a Special Town Meeting held July 28 1988, the Town of Bennington unanimously voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 80: 58-86 - effective August 1, 1988. These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for nonpayment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes. Therefore, the above statement of Tax Sale Accounts to Other Purchasers indicates no activity for 1987 tax levies.

SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Unpaid Balance, January 1, 1988		\$10,141.33
Charges:		
Water	\$42,621.92	
Monadnock Paper Mills - Hydrants	3,600.00	
Sewer	17,114.00	
Monadnock Paper Mills - Sewer	4,590.79	
Interest	<u>1,045.56</u>	
		<u>+68,972.27</u>
		79,113.60
Less:		
Abatements - Elderly Exemption	1,354.32	
Abatements - Adjustments	<u>113.07</u>	
		<u>- 1,467.39</u>
		77,646.21
Receipts to the Treasurer		-68,872.84
Unpaid Balance, December 31, 1988		<u>\$ 8,773.37</u>

UNPAID WATER AND/OR SEWER RENTS

	Water	Sewer
Coffin, Betty	96.16	
Carr, Thomas & Debra	226.15	365.03
Cudmore, Thomas & Vicki	130.46	204.52
Cordatos, Maria	60.62	93.12
Cox, Joseph & Drusilla	18.75	
* Caverly, Virginia	100.53	
Chase Jr., Stephen	295.46	557.21
Meier, Laurie Byrne	23.25	
* Heinzman Jr., Chester & Deborah	35.85	55.29
Clow, David & Gail	88.28	150.90
Mullin, Harry	70.32	109.67
Pacsay, Richard & Brenda	129.81	194.57
Cordatos, Peter & Jennie	88.84	107.72
Names Withheld for Administrative Reasons	169.62	243.89
Lyons, Judith	36.40	70.75
MacNutt, John & Joan	75.87	
Byam, John & Susan	192.08	
Stimson Estate, Vivian	12.00	
KDK Corporation	37.80	59.15
Parker & Burrows	23.25	34.85
Nichols, Amy	18.75	
Ricupero, Kevin & Karen	23.25	34.85
Church Estate, Julius	443.08	257.87
Cheever, Kevin & Pamela	311.71	606.92
Deliguori, Lyman & Karen - Credit Overpayment (23.25)	(27.62)
Whittemore, George & Phebe	12.79	
Cordelle, Frank	133.57	

Gately, Helen	317.72	
Trento, Frank & Tracey	137.48	
Emmond, Paul & Jane	35.95	
Shoulla, Thomas & Katherine	26.29	39.69
* Clough, Donald M.	12.00	20.25
Deliguori & Howatt	83.23	136.30
Corwin, Beth	81.59	135.47
Taft, Fletcher	59.47	
Swett, Fred	279.42	
* Corthell, Bryan & Patricia	164.44	
Aborn, Richard - Credit Overpayment	(22.40)	
Henderson, James & Gail	600.65	
Lavoie, Paul	204.31	
Byam, Philip	75.33	
Clough, Donald & Frances	76.03	
Wilson, Harold & Christine	147.48	
Wadleigh, Robert & Linda	<u>212.58</u>	
Unpaid at December 31, 1988	<u>\$5,322.97</u>	<u>\$3,450.40</u>

SUMMARY OF WATER/SEWER TAX SALE ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

DEBIT

	Tax Sale of 1986/1987	Levies of 1985/1986
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$ 255.39
Taxes Sold to Town During Fiscal Year	2,223.22	
Interest Collected After Sale	18.75	17.12
Redemption Costs	<u>35.50</u>	<u>0</u>
 TOTAL DEBITS	 <u>\$2,277.47</u>	 <u>\$ 272.51</u>

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:		
Redemptions	\$ 499.22	\$ 34.36
Interest & Costs After Sale	54.25	17.12
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Year	<u>1,724.00</u>	<u>221.03</u>
 TOTAL CREDITS	 <u>\$2,277.47</u>	 <u>\$ 272.51</u>

UNREDEEMED WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS

	1986/1987	1985/1986
**Coffin, Betty	\$ 72.32	\$ 53.77 *
Swett, Fred & Ruth		167.26
Carr, Thomas & Debra	210.98	
Cheever, Kevin & Pamela	787.11	
Henderson, James & Gail	129.78	
Lavoie, Paul	244.93	
Pacsay, Richard & Brenda	<u>278.88</u>	
	<u>\$1,724.00</u>	<u>\$ 221.03</u>

* Paid in January

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, January 1, 1988	\$ 317,310.70
Plus Receipts per Ledger	1,540,911.99
Less Disbursements per Ledger	<u>1,563,573.33</u>

Balance, December 31, 1988	\$ <u>294,649.36</u>
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Consisting of:	
Regular Checking Account	\$ 289,716.57
Sewer Checking Account	<u>4,932.79</u>
	<u>\$ 294,649.36</u>

Joyce L. Miner, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

FROM LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR:

Property	\$866,250.37	
Interest	2,257.53	
Resident	5,950.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	19.00	
Yield Tax	1,434.00	
Land Use Tax	<u>6,000.00</u>	
		\$881,910.90
Onset Road Betterment Assess.	\$ 7,695.50	
Onset Road Assessment Interest	<u>2,940.45</u>	
		<u>10,635.95</u>
TOTAL		\$892,546.85

FROM LOCAL TAXES FOR PRIOR YEARS:

Property	\$120,211.28	
Interest	9,219.47	
Resident	1,100.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	110.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed	21,930.37	
Tax Sale Interest	<u>4,774.01</u>	
		\$157,345.13
Onset Road Betterment Assess.	\$ 492.00	
		<u>492.00</u>
TOTAL		\$157,837.13

FROM STATE:

Block Grant - Highway	\$ 18,840.79	
Revenue Distribution	113,766.24	
Flood Disaster Relief	1,652.00	
Railroad Tax	23.51	
Water Supply & Pollution	<u>33,632.00</u>	
Control - Sewer Loan		
TOTAL		167,914.54

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:	\$ <u>88,188.50</u>	
TOTAL		88,188.50
DOG LICENSES:	\$ <u>874.00</u>	
TOTAL		874.00
FINES:		
Jaffrey Court	\$ 100.00	
Dog Fines	210.00	
Parking Tickets	<u>10.00</u>	
TOTAL		320.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FILING FEES:		
Pistol	\$ 36.00	
Building Permits	1,360.00	
Filing Fees	29.00	
Commercial Haulers	275.00	
Planning Board	1,893.45	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	270.00	
Town Clerk Fees	<u>474.75</u>	
TOTAL		4,338.20
INCOME FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS:		
Recreation	\$ 200.00	
Police	<u>135.00</u>	
TOTAL		335.00
INCOME FROM TRI-TOWN LANDFILL:		
Town of Antrim	\$ 32,788.78	
Town of Francestown	10,929.59	
Town of New Boston	3,694.20	
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	18,333.37	
Disposal of Demolition Material	763.00	
Sale of Gravel	722.00	
Grant - N.H. The Beautiful	<u>2,000.00</u>	
TOTAL		69,230.94
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS:		
Peterborough Savings Bank	\$ <u>8,224.83</u>	
TOTAL		8,224.83
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY:		
Town Truck	\$ 3,191.25	
Typewriter	50.00	
Cemetery Lots	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL		3,391.25
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Xerox Fees	\$ 98.48	
Checklist Sales	25.00	
Planning Board Regulations	216.50	
Other	2.25	
Bad Checks	(143.00)	
Bank Charges	(36.58)	
Town Hall Rent	<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL		212.65
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS:		
Cemeteries	\$ <u>2,611.80</u>	
TOTAL		2,611.80

REFUNDS:

Workmens Comp. Dividends	\$ 3,432.08
Insurance	8,757.97
Legal Expenses	1,317.50
Contel	<u>6.60</u>

TOTAL

13,514.15

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Highway	\$ 163.83
Welfare	110.01
Water Department	2,020.20
Elections	60.00
Blue Cross	911.25
Police	5.00
Recreation	782.00
Tim Hogue	<u>152.00</u>

TOTAL

4,204.29

INCOME FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Sale and Recording Fees	\$ 1,270.08
Overpayments -(refunded)	<u>406.37</u>

TOTAL

1,676.45

INSURANCE ADJUSTMENTS:

Koson	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
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TOTAL

6,000.00

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:

	<u>\$ 68,872.84</u>
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TOTAL

68,872.84

WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:

Truck and Sander	<u>\$ 50,618.57</u>
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TOTAL

50,618.57

TOTAL 1988 CASH RECEIPTS

\$1,540,911.99

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Edward French Estate	350.00
Erving LeCain	750.00
James Sweeney	750.00
James Trow	750.00
Leslie Brown	400.00
Joyce Miner	750.00
Denise French	1,500.00
Timothy Hogue	75.00
Roy Johnson	75.00
John French	275.00
Donald Taylor	150.00
Lawrence Seneschal	150.00
Barbara Huntley	<u>700.00</u>

TOTAL

6,675.00

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Payroll:

Denise French	18,482.06
Lorraine Mazur	8,656.64
Gail Clow	10,496.00
Leslie Brown	1,480.50
Cheryl Woods	135.00
David Beck	<u>750.00</u>

40,000.20

Computer Services:

Business Management	7,725.00
Data East	635.34
EMF Inc.	850.00
Miscellaneous	<u>201.90</u>

9,412.24

Office Supplies

Quill	1,039.26
Other	<u>391.55</u>

1,430.81

Xerox	2,901.80
Envelopes & Postage	2,406.17
Tax Map Update	600.00
Appraiser	1,475.00
Printing	2,335.48
Advertising	709.69
Contel of N.H.	1,544.38
Edward French Scholarship Fund	500.00
National Market Reports	144.00
The Reliable Corp.	184.25
N.H. Municipal Assn.	141.00
Loring Short & Harriman	106.45
Wheeler & Clark	57.90
Hillsboro County Treasurer	73.72
Treasurer-State of N.H.	203.50
Herman Miller	72.00
Miscellaneous	<u>563.85</u>

14,019.19

TOTAL

64,862.44

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Payroll:

Elizabeth Chase	145.00
Herman Skinner	145.00
David Traxler	120.00
James Dodge	60.00
Dorothy Crowley	40.00
Josephine Carrara	80.00
Arlene Edes	20.00
Paul Kyte	40.00
Athaleah Hutchinson	60.00
Russell Young	40.00
Patricia Kyte	20.00
Ann Sisson	<u>20.00</u>

790.00

Benn. Fire Dept. Aux.	500.00
Joseph Marotti Co.	105.81
Transcript Printing	160.00
Edward French Scholarship Fund	75.00
Homestead Press	<u>41.20</u>

882.01

TOTAL

1,672.01

CEMETERIES

Carrol Warren	606.00
David Traxler	48.00
Edmunds	2.34

TOTAL

656.34

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Payroll:

David Traxler	1,317.00
Timothy Hogue	928.00
Lawrence Davis	18.75
James Champagne	201.99

2,465.74

Public Service of N.H.	1,703.44
Rymes	1,922.52
Honeywell Protection	526.05
Carters Quality Contracting	600.00
Edmunds Hardware	310.39
C.T. Haskell	185.00
Bean's Electrical Service	30.30
State of N.H.	15.00
Larry Seneschal	158.10
Richard Leavitt	97.20
Tower Clock Specialties	75.00
Antrim Lumber	55.23
Village Rent Alls	40.00
Norman Mercier	50.00
Lorraine Mazur	47.54
Frank Cordelle	147.20

5,962.97

TOTAL

8,428.71

PLANNING AND ZONING

Blodgett and Makechnie	1,889.26
Lorraine Mazur	233.14
Monadnock Ledger	588.00
Carol Reed	58.00
Wayne Roy	50.00
Joseph MacGregor	11.00
John O'Donnell & Associates	52.00
S.W. Regional Planning Comm.	473.94
N.H. Municipal Assn.	7.00
Dennis McKenney	58.00
Sterling Business Forms	131.45
Gerald Montminy Appraisal	200.00

TOTAL

3,751.79

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

Blodgett and Makechnie	6,276.45
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TOTAL

6,276.45

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSN

N.H. Municipal Association	400.00
Home Health Care	2,700.00
Southwest Reg. Planning Comm.	1,006.05
Antrim Rescue Squad	1,000.00
Mon. Family & Mental Health	990.00

TOTAL

6,096.05

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Payroll:

David Mancini	25,000.00
David Skerry	4,102.50
Brian Stokes	1,105.59
N.H. Retirement	<u>1,374.31</u>

31,582.40

Supplies - Guns, Uniforms, Etc.

Riley's Gun Shop	958.00
Place in the Woods	726.67
Leathersmith Products	265.50
Neptune	1,058.15
Peterborough Camera Shop	<u>454.34</u>

3,462.66

Mutual Aid	1,566.24
Contel of N.H.	1,753.04
Page Communications	1,542.85
Gas	<u>1,136.72</u>

5,998.85

Supplies Other:

Computer Technologies	2,047.88
Tandy Consumer Service	95.92
Lyben Computer System	78.50
Shooting Sports Supply	32.00
Lyman Deliguori	57.00
North Country Computer	210.70
Bound Tree Corp.	82.55
Karen Deliguori	175.00
Syndistar Inc.	160.00
Quill Corp.	344.82
Bennington Country Store	161.91
Equity Publishing	119.75
Radio Shack	23.13
Speedy Printing	64.70
Pickford Jeep Eagle	87.01
Tab Police Distributors	25.50
Visible Computer Supply	28.79
Sims Press	267.00
Edmunds Hardware	196.68
Larry Seneschal	221.12
Antrim Lumber	<u>23.17</u>

4,503.13

Other:

Mush Cooks Garage	219.00
N.H. Bar Assc.	25.00
Bob Pragoff	200.00
John French	139.00
George Cote	542.00
Tenney Farm	40.00
Woodmans Florist	20.00
Dr. David Ingraham	80.50
State of N.H.	36.00
Miscellaneous	<u>145.53</u>

1,447.03

TOTAL

46,994.07

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Payroll	\$ 4,200.50	
Fire Mutual Aid	<u>1,907.38</u>	\$ 6,107.88

Repair and Maintenance:		
Bennington Garage	1,642.77	
Gilbert Inc.	3,565.90	
Century Auto	216.20	
Sanel Auto Parts	<u>276.30</u>	5,701.17

Building Maintenance:		
Paul Wilson	859.23	
Edmunds Hardware	232.32	
Larry Seneschal	<u>459.88</u>	1,551.43

Public Service of N.H.	866.42	
Heating - Rymes	859.23	
Contel of N.H.	293.33	
Meadowood Training Center	<u>325.00</u>	2,343.98

Supplies:		
State Chemical Mfg.	280.70	
The Fire Barn	238.65	
Bennington Country Store	206.46	
Bound Tree Corp.	345.41	
Other	<u>83.90</u>	1,155.12

Miscellaneous	<u>274.79</u>	274.79
TOTAL		\$17,134.37

SUMMARY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE

Payroll:		
Sidney Huntington	5,338.96	
Deborah Lawrence	2,958.00	
Mark Chase	14,320.00	
John French	240.00	
Mike Tacy	<u>1,681.00</u>	24,537.96

Salt	4,035.36	
Magoon Construction	750.00	
Paving Repairs	766.40	
Miscellaneous	<u>176.00</u>	5,727.76
TOTAL		30,265.72

GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPT.

Truck Repairs:		
Bennett Auto Repair	1,471.09	
Bennington Garage	1,303.88	
Peterborough Ford	<u>100.00</u>	2,874.97
Equipment Repairs:		
Barrett Equipment	<u>1,128.00</u>	1,128.00

Operating Supplies:		
Rymes	3,885.48	
Antrim Citgo	14.50	
Eastern Specialty Products	515.10	
Century Auto	229.68	
Atlantic Plow Blade	<u>431.68</u>	
		5,076.44
Public Service of N.H.	365.59	
Contel of N.H.	317.46	
Page Communications	640.75	
Edmunds Hardware	820.21	
Antrim Lumber	410.64	
Larry Seneschal	1,174.78	
Altan Construction Co.	135.00	
Village Rent Alls	393.00	
N.E. Fasteners Co.	290.00	
Extinguishers Plus	45.00	
Smith Harriman	70.00	
N.H. University	40.00	
Treasurer, State of N.H.	<u>276.76</u>	
		<u>4,979.19</u>
TOTAL		14,058.60
TOWN CLERK FEES & BLDG. INSP.		
Edward E. French, Estate	1,195.50	
David Beck	<u>690.00</u>	
TOTAL		1,885.50
TARRING		
Sullivan Bros.	3,250.00	
All State Asphalt	19,318.21	
Brox Paving	<u>864.00</u>	
TOTAL		23,432.21
STREET LIGHTING		
Public Service of N.H.	<u>7,509.43</u>	
TOTAL		7,509.43
LANDFILL		
Payroll:		
Robert Snyder	5,265.00	
Kenneth Grant	1,460.00	
Mark Chase	224.00	
Brett Taber	70.00	
David Skerry	<u>40.00</u>	
		7,059.00
Smith Harriman	48,855.00	
DSM Environmental Services (and James Dohrman)	11,934.16	
Environmental Field Services	1,128.25	
Resource Analysts Inc.	<u>2,915.00</u>	
		64,832.41
Equipment:		
First Western Bank	11,969.12	
Jordon Milton Machinery	5,735.16	
Bennett Auto Repair	539.11	
Century Auto Supply	<u>73.46</u>	
		18,316.85

J.P. Chemical	195.00		
Town of Antrim	200.00		
North Atlantic Recycling	236.00		
N.E. Forestry Foundation	100.00		
N.H. Resource Recovery Assn.	6,331.67		
Other	<u>171.49</u>		
		<u>7,234.16</u>	
TOTAL			\$97,442.42
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
N.H. Health Officers Assn.	<u>10.00</u>		
TOTAL			10.00
VITAL STATISTICS			
Edward French	<u>52.00</u>		
TOTAL			52.00
WELFARE			
Home Health Care	84.42		
Wayno's	50.00		
Barbara Huntley	83.55		
Veralyn Rockwell	250.91		
J.B. Vaillancourt	229.91		
Rymes	85.90		
Dyer Drugs	112.50		
State of N.H.	10.00		
Public Service of N.H.	240.00		
N.H. Welfare Admin. Assn.	<u>25.00</u>		
TOTAL			1,172.19
LIBRARIES			
Payroll:			
Leslie Brown	5,166.50		
Helena Ayers	240.00		
Christine Tarrio	<u>272.50</u>		
		5,679.00	
Rymes	916.79		
Public Service Co. of N.H.	394.71		
Contel of N.H.	374.33		
Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>152.00</u>		
		<u>1,837.83</u>	
TOTAL			7,516.83
RECREATION			
Michelle Cote, Lifeguard	2,390.00		
Sharon Hall	450.00		
Benn. Recreation Comm.	958.16		
(Xmas party, Halloween & crafts)			
Benn. Little League	750.00		
Warpula Bus Company	754.00		
Karen Deliguori	163.73		
Scott Liljeberg	24.67		
Patricia Kyte	10.60		
Village Costume	28.00		
Antrim Lumber Co.	187.28		
Wayno's	103.64		

James Champagne	189.99	
Place in the Woods	200.00	
Gladys Newhall	382.50	
Isabell Cook	125.00	
Peterborough Agway	251.55	
Edmunds Hardware	105.61	
Gary Graham	59.00	
Pool Village	320.00	
Indian Head Athletics	246.44	
Contel of N.H.	115.78	
American Red Cross	82.00	
Jill Hirsh	69.35	
J & J Trophy	41.40	
Terry Jarest	29.00	
N.H. Environmental Services Lab	40.00	
Bound Tree Corp.	33.00	
Marine Rescue Products	42.00	
TOTAL		8,152.70
MEMORIAL DAY		
V.F.W.	500.00	
TOTAL		500.00
BONDS AND NOTES		
Conn. National Bank	30,000.00	
Gen. Elec. Credit Corp.	12,708.27	
Peterborough Savings Bank	14,000.00	
TOTAL		56,708.27
INTEREST		
Conn. National Bank	26,311.49	
Gen. Elec. Credit Corp.	23,212.31	
Peterborough Savings Bank	2,604.00	
TOTAL		52,127.80
TRUST FUNDS		
Capital Reserve	40,000.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund	100.00	
TOTAL		40,100.00
WATER DEPARTMENT		
Antrim Water & Sewer Department	17,112.75	17,112.75
System Repairs:		
Magoon Construction	998.50	
Water Service Consultants	952.00	
Perry Excavating	540.00	
Clough & Cleary	2,133.50	
Paul Wilson	369.31	
A.D. Instrument Repair Corp.	382.50	
Spalding Instrument	153.37	
		5,529.18

Supplies:			
W.S. Darley Co.	137.50		
George Caldwell Co.	908.78		
Public Works Supply Co.	1,509.88		
H.R. Prescott & Son	2,369.10		
Fisher & Porter	136.45		
Bristol Babcock Inc.	<u>57.44</u>	5,119.15	
Testing:			
Environmental Services Lab	243.00		
Paragon Laboratories Inc.	<u>555.45</u>	798.45	
Payroll	410.00		
Public Service of N.H.	9,867.02		
Contel of N.H.	479.69		
Data East	922.04		
Edmunds Hardware	173.91		
Bowman Business Forms	153.37		
Miscellaneous	<u>317.57</u>	<u>12,323.60</u>	
TOTAL			40,883.13
SEWER MAINTENANCE			
Antirm Water & Sewer Department	5,244.91		
Public Service of N.H.	1,632.05		
Perry Excavating	500.00		
Yeaton & Maine	165.00		
Paul Wilson & Sons	<u>1,243.90</u>		
TOTAL			8,785.86
FICA, RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS			
State Retirement	160.96		
F.I.C.A. Taxes IRS	6,984.31		
Withholding Tax IRS	<u>(266.00)</u>		
TOTAL			6,879.27
INSURANCE			
N.H. Municipal Assn.			
Workers Comp. Fund	9,621.00		
N.H. Municipal Assn.			
Health Trust	6,367.08		
N.H. Municipal Assn.			
Property & Liability Ins	15,926.23		
Stuart Clark	10,291.00		
Travelers Ins. Co.	<u>502.00</u>		
TOTAL			42,707.31
(See Refunds & Cancellations in Cash Receipts)			
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Larry Seneschal-Fire Sta. Roof	3,000.00		
Norman Mercier-Painting	8,100.00		
Barrett Equipment-Sander	4,240.00		
Grappone Truck Center-Truck	49,569.82		
Larry Seneschal-Ramp to Town Hall	<u>1,450.00</u>		
TOTAL			66,359.82

N.H. UNEMPLOYMENT TAX

NHM Unemployment Comp. Fund 428.79

TOTAL

428.79

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Denise French, Tax Coll. 24,272.10

TOTAL

24,272.10

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS & REFUNDS

Cecile Mahoney 269.30

John Delay, Jr. 190.23

Darlene McKenney 37.00

Dean Loucks 10.00

Allan & Marsha Foster 3.79

Paul or Elizabeth Cashion 5,621.78

David Traxler 1.00

Eric Chase 1.00

David Mancini 56.70

Lawrence Lopez 10.00

Deborah Schmitt 10.00

Charles and/or Rose Brooks 42.81

Margaret Samuels 6.54

Home & City Savings Bank 74.88

Ronald & Patricia Tremblay 24.12

Rymes 474.00

Frank & Tracey Trento 22.00

Terry Schnare 800.00

TOTAL

7,655.15

COUNTY TAXES

Hillsborough County 58,256.00

TOTAL

58,246.00

SCHOOL

Conval School District 803,875.00

TOTAL

803,875.00

TOTAL 1988 DISBURSEMENTS

\$1,563,573.33

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

This is a very crucial time for school related issues in Bennington because two major initiatives will be brought before the voters this March.

The first relates to proposed changes in the funding formula for the Conval District. The current formula assesses towns at a rate, 75% of which is based on the number of children in school, and 25% on real estate valuation. For a town like Bennington which provides more than its share of affordable housing compared to other area towns, this is extremely unfair, especially since the school budget makes up 80% of our tax bill. The proposed change would reverse the percentages: 75% on real estate, only 25% on the number of students.

The exact situation for voters is confusing right now because of potential legal problems with one proposed amendment. There may even be two similar amendments. It is vitally important that you keep up-to-date on this situation: read the local papers, talk to the Selectmen, or call me if you have questions. You have to vote on this issue; it's that important. Voting will be by ballot vote in the Bennington Fire Station on March 14. A two thirds vote is required. Be there!

The second issue is the school building program - to say that the Conval District has major maintenance problems and needs more space is an understatement. The Building Committee, of which I am Chairman, will propose an approximately thirteen million dollar bond issue to solve the middle school problems. We are recommending two equal 450 student schools at the current sites in Antrim and Peterborough. For a variety of reasons, the elementary school proposal will not be ready until later in the year, although it is assured that these schools will remain local, there will be no elementary consolidation. Thirteen million dollars is a lot of money and it will raise our taxes, but the situation is getting so severe that we have little choice. If the bond issue fails, the maintenance problems will still have to be addressed, and we will have to pay for them without state aid. The result; your taxes will still go up a lot, yet without really improving the educational facilities or providing for the inflow of children which is coming. There will be both local and regional public hearings on the building program announced soon. Please attend and please vote. Passing the bond issue is very important. Without it, our children's future will be shortchanged. In order to vote, you must attend the district meeting at Conval High School, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. The PTO will be contacting you and will set up day care and transportation for those of you who need it. A two thirds vote is required. Again, please do not be bashful about calling me if you have any questions. My phone numbers are 588-2641 (studio) and 588-6211 (home).

By the way, the School Board is a lot of work, but I've come to really enjoy it and would like to thank all of you for giving me the chance to help. It will be your turn in March. You have to get out and vote for both of these important issues. Thank you.

Frank Cordelle,
School Board Representative

REPORT OF THE
BENNINGTON-ANTRIM-FRANCESTOWN
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

This past year can be summarized as a year of major change for the Bennington Sanitary Landfill. New plans for the administration and operation of the landfill have been set and will be implemented in 1989. As Bennington's new Administrative Assistant, I have made the management of the landfill a priority due to the complex issues the District must contend with.

The first and foremost issue on everyone's mind is the contamination in two of the landfill test wells, located on the west side of the landfill. We believe the source of the contamination (volatile organic compounds) is coming from the two acre section where the Goodell Corp. once disposed wood and metal finishing products in the early seventies. We are now gathering evidence to determine if indeed this is the source. DSM Environmental Services will be conducting a hydrogeological study this spring as part of this evidence. In addition, a well inventory and tap water sample survey will be taken to determine if any further contamination has occurred beyond the test wells.

Construction for a final cap for this two acre section is tentatively planned for 1989. Once the hydrogeological study and construction plans are completed, they will be submitted to the State's Bureau of Solid Waste Management for review. The State must approve these plans before actual construction may begin. In addition, the District's Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared by DSM Environmental Services, will be submitted in February 1989.

It should be noted that the Towns of Antrim and Bennington will be financially responsible for closing this two acre section. The Town of Francestown joined the District after this site was no longer used for landfilling.

The landfill experienced a fire at the paper mill disposal site in October. The District will be installing new test wells around the site this spring as part of the hydrogeological study being performed at the landfill. These test wells will be sampled quarterly to determine if the fire had any impact on the site. Steps have been taken to prevent any future surface fires.

David Skerry has been hired as Landfill Manager to handle day-to-day operation and enforcement. He is doing an excellent job in supervising the waste disposal and enforcing the landfill ordinance to improve the overall landfill operation.

A new sticker system has been developed to improve the regulation of commercial and residential use of the landfill. A one-time fee for stickers will be charged to commercial haulers for each vehicle that uses the facility. Households in Antrim and Bennington will also pay a one-time charge. This revenue will be used to purchase weighing scales. A tipping fee system will begin in 1990 for all commercial haulers. No fee has been set yet.

In order to cover the costs of removing tires, major appliances, and batteries, commercial and residential users from Bennington and Antrim will have to purchase tickets to dispose of these items. Beginning April 1, 1989, the Landfill Manager will not accept these items without a ticket. Tickets will be available at the Antrim and Bennington Town Offices. Francestown's transfer station handles their tires, appliances, and batteries.

Plans for a far more active recycling program will be implemented for 1989. The details are included in the Recycling Committee's report.

The Towns of Antrim and Bennington will also be asked to make a small appropriation to participate in a regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day program. I would urge everyone to support this effort since many household products pose a threat to our groundwater supplies.

I am assuming the coming year will provide new challenges to the District, and I appreciate the support that Antrim and Francestown has continued to provide to our office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Mazur,
Administrative Assistant
Town of Bennington

ANTRIM-BENNINGTON-FRANCESTOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The recycling of glass has continued throughout this year with steady support from residents of Antrim and Bennington. Glass disposal has generated a small income over the past six years but is now costing the towns \$2.00/barrel because of the cost of unloading barrels. Antrim and Bennington plan to devote a substantial amount of money to construct concrete bunkers this year as part of the establishment of a new recycling center. Francestown has a recycling center at their transfer station and will not contribute to this facility.

Aluminum cans have been collected for recycling for the past two years which was initiated by the Cub Scouts. The collection continues in barrels on pallets directly across from the glass barrels.

The magazine exchange was terminated because it was no longer a bona fide exchange and the area became a dumping place for magazines. An attempt to recycle newspapers was made but was terminated due to the lack of an appropriate storage area and manpower to remove it and haul it to Manchester. The accumulation, however, was so rapid that it indicated the cooperation of local people to participate in the program. During the process of cleaning up the newspaper, the storage shed roof collapsed. The towns hope to obtain a rental trailer for the storage of newspapers which can easily be hauled to Manchester within the coming year.

DSM Environmental Services Inc. has completed their study, commissioned by the District, "Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Bennington, Antrim and Francestown." Within this plan, an entire section is devoted to implementation of a recycling center for the landfill.

The towns plan to move ahead to establish such a center to handle scrap metal, glass, aluminum, newspaper/magazines/cardboard, and plastics. A charge for tires, major appliances, and batteries will begin in the spring of 1989. This money will simply cover the costs of the removal of these items. The Solid Waste Plan will be submitted to the State in February 1989.

The committee has continued to meet regularly and membership has remained the same. The committee appreciated the cooperation of citizens in the utilization of the recycling facilities and their patience as new and appropriate ways of collecting recyclable materials are put into place.

Antrim -	Evelyn Perry, Chairman Andrew Lane Kathy Wasserloos
Bennington -	Elaine Barrett Carrie Whittemore
Francestown -	Robert Parker Scott Carbee

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

It appears that 1988 was the introduction of a new phase for our community as well as the rest of the Monadnock region.

The dramatic growth predicted a couple of years ago by those watching the "wave" roll up from the south became reality. With it, unfortunately, also came the related problems.

Within the past two years, the instances of criminal activity requiring investigation and prosecution has increased approximately 70%.

As a single example, in 1988 there were 16 burglaries in Bennington, more than 3 times the number in 1986. Given the size of our Town, that number alone is enough to cause concern, but it is the type of burglary, as well as the obvious increase that is most important.

We are becoming a prime target for the professional and semi-professional criminal, who, drawn to the area by its residential and recreational growth, find in our secluded, rural atmosphere, an untapped and, for the most part, an unsuspecting population on which to prey.

It is a situation that shall continue to worsen.

This year, realizing that one of the many historic problems facing each of the small departments in the area has been the lack of dissemination and coordination of information, a computer on-line service was instituted. This service, the first of its kind in the State, now operates 24 hours a day from our department. Its primary purpose is to allow critical information concerning area criminal activity to be readily accessible to each of the departments utilizing the system. Information on methods of criminal operation, unsolved crimes, descriptions of suspicious vehicles, stolen property listings, and wanted person notices make up only a few of the areas in which this system is utilized to convey information.

Presently four departments are using the system, named the CONSTABULARY BBS. In addition, a number of officers from other departments are participating as individual members. In the future, as technology in the remaining area departments is updated, it is hoped that each will avail themselves of this on-line system. Only by this, or a similar method, can area departments hope to combat the swiftly rising crime rate.

Believing that not only must our police departments coordinate their efforts if we are to effectively maintain control over the criminal element, but that such an effort requires our citizens also be aware of what is happening within their community and what they can do to keep themselves, and their friends and neighbors, from becoming victims, two things have been accomplished.

The first, for those with computer capabilities, has been to open a portion of the BBS for use by the public. Again, this allows for the rapid dissemination of crime related information. Secondly, publication of a periodic newsletter has been initiated, with the first issue to be published in early 1989. This publication will outline the types of crime that we are experiencing, lists of stolen property, hints on home security, information related to various con-artist tricks, drug-related information, and other items of interest.

Believing that 1988 was the beginning of a new page in Bennington history, it is hoped that the steps we have taken during that year, including the ones I have briefly mentioned, will assist us, and you, in maintaining the safety of our community and retaining the quality of life that we have come to expect - and that most of the remaining country has already lost.

D. E. Mancini

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Sewer Department seems to be functioning smoothly with a minimum of problems. The Water Department presented us with a system plagued with problems. These problems included major leaks, postponed maintenance, malfunctioning hydrants, and unpaid water rents and sewer charges.

During 1988 we located and repaired several major water leaks which cut pumping time from eighteen to twenty hours a day to eleven hours or less a day. We replaced one defective hydrant and repaired all others. We cleaned the pumping station and had the master meter repaired. We set up a schedule to flush and test hydrants, recording the results in a permanent record on a regular basis.

Our program of continuing improvements for 1989 include presenting proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department to the March 1989 Town Meeting. These revisions, if adopted, will, among other things, allow the Department to enforce due process against those who choose to not pay their water rents and sewer charges in a timely manner. We intend to continue the program of flushing, testing, repairing, and if necessary, replacing hydrants. We are instituting a program to replace or repair non-functioning meters. We intend to improve the working of the entire system by installing an eight inch main on Eaton Ave. if the pertinent article on the warrant is approved at Town Meeting. We also hope to have corrosion control equipment in place in the immediate future.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners meet the last Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Hall. Customers of the system with questions or problems are encouraged to attend one or more of these meetings.

Timothy Hogue
John French
Roy Johnson

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER DEPARTMENT

Proposed Amendments To The Rules And
Regulations of the Bennington Water Department

1. Definitions

Delete II. Sentence reading: "They shall be paid an annual salary of \$75.00." Insert: "They shall be compensated \$10.00 for each regular and special meeting attended and be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per hour when responding to emergency situations.

2. Meters

Delete entire paragraph B.

Insert: B. All customers will be supplied with a 5/8 - 3/4 meter upon payment of an installation fee of \$75.00. The meter will be maintained by the utility at the utility's expense except as otherwise prescribed in this section. A service shutoff will be installed inside the building if necessary. A registration fee of \$10.00 is required.

3. Application for Water Service

II. New service or replacing old service pipes.

B. Installation costs

1. Delete: "In such cases, a deposit of \$125.00 will be made by the customer at the time of application."

Insert: In such cases, a deposit of \$500.00 is required at the time of application by the customer."

Insert at the end of second paragraph of 1:
"The term 'Actual cost' shall include the meter installation fee of \$75.00 and registration of ownership fee of \$10.00".

Insert F. When buildings contain multiple living units, each unit will have its own individual meter as well as a shutoff serving that utility only.

Insert G. In the instance of properties containing more than one building or mobile home with housing facilities therein, each such building or mobile home will have its own individual service to the main as well as its own meter and service shutoff as prescribed elsewhere in these regulations.

4. Use of Water

V.C.

1. Delete: "In any case where water is shut off, there will be a service charge of \$5.00 payable in advance for renewal of service".

Insert: "In any case where a customers' water is shutoff, whether for non-payment of rentals, vacancy, transfer of property, or for any other reason, a service charge of \$20.00 will be assessed."

Insert a: "In any case where water has been shut off, there will be a service charge of \$20.00 to reinstate service. It will be necessary for the customer to pay both the shutoff fee and reinstatement fee in advance."

Insert b: "In any case involving a transfer of ownership or billing address, a \$10.00 registration of ownership fee will be paid in advance."

Delete 2: Entire paragraph of 2.

Insert 2: Disconnection With Notice.

- A. The utility may disconnect service to a residential customer after appropriate notice if:
 - (1). The customer has failed to pay within 60 days following the postmarked date of any proper undisputed bill or deposit request.
 - (2). The customer has failed to abide by the terms of a payment agreement pursuant to section (4) below.
 - (3). The customer refuses to give reasonable access to his premises for necessary inspection of utility property.
- B. Notice may be sent not less than sixty (60) days after the postmark date of the original bill. Written notice of the intent of the utility to disconnect service shall be postmarked at least twelve (12) days in advance of the date of disconnect.
- C. Service shall be disconnected only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on any regular business day, but not preceding a day on which the utility business office will be closed.

- (1). Prior to disconnection, the utility employee disconnecting service shall notify an adult occupant of the premises or leave a note if no adult is present. The note shall contain the procedure whereby service may be re-established.
 - (2). The utility employee disconnecting the service shall accept payment in full of the bill tendered prior to his commencing the disconnection to prevent disconnection. In such event, the employee shall give a receipt and leave the service intact.
 - (3). The utility will restore service promptly upon the customer's request when the cause for disconnection has been removed and the customer has paid a reconnection fee of \$20.00 in advance.
- D. When a customer cannot pay a bill in full, the utility shall continue to serve the customer if the customer pays a reasonable portion of the outstanding bill in reasonable installments and agrees to pay all future bills within 30 days following the postmarked date of the bill.
- E. Customers Appeals. If a customer disputes a bill, the customer must request a conference with the utility prior to the date of disconnection. The appeals process shall comply with the procedures prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission, Code 603.08 Section 4.
- F. Medical Emergency. No service will be disconnected when the Water District is advised that a medical emergency exists at the location, or would result from the disconnection, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Public Utilities Commission, Code 603.08 Section 2.C.

Insert under section 3:

- A. Disconnect Notice to Tenants: Notice required. The utility will not discontinue service to a meter where any part of the service provided through it accrues to the benefit of one or more parties known by the utility to be tenant(s) without giving written notice to such tenant(s) as hereafter required; provided, however, that service may be discontinued without notice when (a) necessary to avoid danger to life or property, or (b) upon order of duly constituted public authority such as police, firemen, public health officers, etc..
- B. Contents of notice: The notice shall set forth the following information:

1. The date on or after which the utility proposed to disconnect.
 2. A recommendation that the tenant immediately contact the landlord.
 3. The reason for disconnection, and
 4. The address and telephone number at which the tenant may contact the utility.
- C. Timing and manner of giving notice. The notice shall be delivered not less than 5 days in advance of the date that the actual disconnection will take place unless given by mail. If given by mail, notice shall be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, not earlier than 10 days nor later than 6 days prior to the date of intended actual disconnection addressed to the tenant at his mailing address or the "occupant" of a designated dwelling unit. Notice may also be given by telephone, by personal visit, by posting or handing on the front or back door of a tenant's dwelling unit, by delivering it in hand or by sliding it under his door.

Insert 4. Disconnection With Notice - Non-residential

The same rules shall apply as enumerated in section 2 with the exception that written notice of disconnection shall be given at least five (5) business days prior to the date of disconnection.

5. Penalty for Bad Checks

Whenever a check or draft presented for payment is not accepted by the institution upon which it is written, the utility will impose a charge of \$15.00.

VII B. Willful waste of water:

Insert "This section is interpreted to include any situation where leaks in a customer's system go unrepaired after the customer is notified by telephone, letter, or personal visit of the necessity to repair such leaks. Such leaks may be repaired by the water superintendent upon payment in advance of the estimated cost of such repairs. If actual cost exceeds estimate, the balance due will be billed. If actual cost is less than estimate, the balance will be refunded.

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bennington Fire Department responded to a total of 106 calls for the year (our busiest yet): rescues in town = 46, Antrim = 9 and Hancock = 1. Fire calls totalled 50 -- 42 in town and eight calls for mutual aid.

This year we ask your support on two fire department related articles. The first is authorization to purchase a combination pumper/tanker to replace the 1964 Ford which is showing a lot of wear and tear. The second item we are requesting is for replacement of some of the older fire fighting gear.

Once again, our thanks and appreciation for your continuing support. We hope you have a fire safe year.

John French, Chief
Donald Taylor, 1st Deputy
Lawrence Seneschal, 2nd Deputy

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our annual report for 1988 - basically a quiet year although the Town continues to grow at an astounding rate. It is estimated that the population has grown to approximately 1,250 from a 1980 census of 890. This growth has exerted great pressure on Town services and also the real estate tax load.

Zoning is now being recognized as a "necessary evil" and the voters are being presented with a "Growth Management Ordinance" this coming March.

Related to this, the Town gained great - if dubious - publicity when the owner of the building housing the Post Office, when denied a building permit to add to the building, decided to paint it purple. For a few days we heard about this from as far as Texas and Hawaii, but very shortly it became white again and all was calm again.

The major potential change is the planning for a new elementary school which would replace the present Pierce School which is no longer large enough to keep up with the population growth. The Town voted to make available to the School District, a piece of land on Route 202 for a new school and would swap it for the old Pierce School when completed. A Bond issue including this project failed the necessary two thirds vote in the fall but will be up again this March. When accomplished, this could have a major impact on the Town - its appearance and its future.

The Society continues to accumulate funds towards their plans for a new building and also to provide the financial resources for the planned publication of a Pictorial History of Bennington.

RECREATION

It has been a busy year! We have once again lost our leader of Craftsrecreation. Thank you Karen for all you did. We have managed to keep it going by providing projects for this special group each month and by their willingness to go on without a leader.

We feel compelled to point out some of the expenses in our budget. We know that to some a \$9,000.00 budget seems high, but in reality, we take almost half of that right off the top to provide a lifeguard salary, equipment and supplies for the beach, and upkeep expenses for both the ballpark and the beach.

We have put in a lot of time and energy to provide the best recreation at the least possible cost.

We have held game nights for 40 to 50 children at almost no cost.

We have held our third annual Haunted Hayride for more than 300 "fans" and have spent \$200.00 to do this.

We especially thank our drivers and all of you who provided many exciting skits along the route. Thanks for all the time and enthusiasm you gave us. Special thanks to "Smitty" for his special gift to us to be used in all future hayrides.

We have tried a soccer program and hopefully next year we can improve it with more practice and games with other leagues. Thank you coaches!

We have attempted to obtain another area for baseball and so far have met many obstacles but our search and struggle will go on.

We have again provided gifts for our Town children. We have spent much time in shopping for the best possible gifts at the most reasonable prices, and we would like to give special thanks to a very special Santa for all his help.

Recreation Committee

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This department had a quiet year with no expenditures. However, 1989 is expected to be busier due to more involvement with state public health, especially in relation to "sanitary production and distribution of food", water and landfill problems.

The sewer system is 100% successful within its limits, but we must now concentrate on the septic problems outside the village, many of them attached to trailers and/or mobile homes.

Barbara Huntley,
Health Officer

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Again, with the help of outside services, we have been able to take care of our needy and, at the same time, keep our expenditures down to a reasonable \$1,172.19. Due to cutbacks from Medicare and Medicaid, \$363.41 was spent on prescription drugs. I urge all Medicare recipients to call 224-1909 and apply for the new "Medicare courtesy card". This will help doctors and patients work together regarding medical bills not exceeding the limits Medicare will pay. Please feel free to call on me with any health and welfare problems, especially senior citizens.

Barbara Huntley,
Overseer of Public Welfare

PARENT & TEACHERS ORGANIZATION (P.T.O.)

This is Pierce School's Parent and Teacher Organization's fourth year. P.T.O. was initially organized by Karen Deliguori and interested Pierce School parents. The ongoing goals of the P.T.O. are:

1. To provide an avenue of communication between parents and the school which will enhance mutual understanding.
2. To conduct fund raising events which will provide funds for P.T.O. and agreed upon expenditures which will enrich the learning experience for children at Pierce School.

A few of the fund raisers P.T.O. has been involved with include the fall bike-a-thon, catalogue sales and ongoing bake sales.

Some of the activities that our fund raisers have made possible over the past four years include the annual Christmas buffet held for the students at the fire hall, the purchasing of the classroom area rugs, an all school activity list, publishing equipment for the children's stories, the sponsoring of the school photos, and ongoing fund raising for the possible purchase of a computer.

This year the P.T.O. established the volunteer parent safety patrol that helps children every school day morning to cross the main roads to the playground.

We thank all the parents for their continuing support of P.T.O. through their presence and contributions of time, money and baked goods. We anticipate continuing and growing success for P.T.O..

Any parent/guardian interested in the objectives of the Pierce School P.T.O. and are willing to give a little time may become a member. P.T.O. meets every second Tuesday of the month at the school at 7:00 p.m..

Deborah Wilk,
President

G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY REPORT

1988 has been a year of expansion for the GEP Dodge Library. We have grown in number of patrons registered and in number of books available to these patrons. Both our new and old patrons have been very active in making their reading needs known and we in turn have tried to fulfill their requests.

A couple of areas that our library lacked resources in were books on science and nature for children in grades 1-6 and in more best sellers for adults. Over the past year we have developed an excellent collection that has provided reference for Pierce School students.

The McNaughton book lease company has been a source for best sellers. Nearly everything that comes out on the best sellers list is available from them and can be in our library within a couple of weeks. This has kept our voracious readers happy. Our paperback collection is ever expanding. Thank you to those who donated recent and popular publications. These books help to round off our best sellers, mysteries and romances.

We have several new additions in our collection of weekly and monthly periodicals: Sports Illustrated, Consumer Reports, Monadnock Magazine, People and the donations of Redbook, Good Housekeeping, and Boy's Life.

Our adult references are being updated as well. We now have a new set of adult encyclopedias to compliment our current children's encyclopedia. Academic American has a different format than World Book's and between the two encyclopedias and other reference materials found in the library, students and adults can collect a good assortment of information on any given topic.

For the upcoming year we will concentrate on purchasing picture and "read aloud" books for grades 1-4, paperback books for grades 5-8, social studies books for grades 1-4, and classics to replace those that have worn out and for missing editions. In adult books we will continue to maintain our supply of new fiction in both paperback and hardcover, and too, the ever popular "How To" and craft books.

A new area of collections in our library has begun. We are collecting complete sets of games and puzzles to enter into circulation. This is a popular selection for families who don't wish to invest in games and puzzles and yet want to have a variety for game night with their families on cold winter evenings, rainy days, and at a summer vacation spot.

One of our goals for this upcoming year is to develop a Friends of the Library group. This association can help the library with new community programs, with summer and holiday activities for students and pre-school, with raising funds for special materials and projects, and with promoting good public relations between the library and the town people.

The library has been the site of several programs this year. This past summer we had a successful children's reading program with forty four children between the ages of 4 and 13 signed up to participate. The theme was "Animals in the Wild". At the end of the six week program we had a party on the front lawn of the library and participants received awards and a Chameleon bookmark.

Another program held this year was a poetry reading the week before Thanksgiving. Sixty people attended and most expressed a desire for more of such programs. Last tax season a representative from the VITA program came every Wednesday evening between January and April 15th to give free advice on how to complete the federal income tax forms. The program was well attended and will be repeated for 1989's tax season.

We continue to have school children in for stories and to check out books. These students come from both Pierce school and the local pre-school and day care center. No one is left out. To provide a story time for any children not yet in school, we have an additional half hour once a week.

Bennington and the library suffered a great loss when Trustee Deborah MacGregor passed away this fall. She was very active in the rejuvenation of our library. Her special area of interest was the children's room and all of her goals for that room were able to be completed under her direction. Her husband, Joe MacGregor, who had worked along with her right from the beginning of the library's renovations, has taken her place and is continuing the outstanding work she had started. We were all fortunate to have known and worked with her and we will miss her dearly. Debbie left a beautiful and vital legacy for the community.

Leslie Brown
Librarian

LIBRARY TREASURY REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1988	\$ 2,004.66	
Trust Funds Dividends	7,299.63	
Trust Funds, Capital Improvement Funds	6,501.89	
NOW Account Interest	149.75	
Donations/Book Sales	40.00	
State Grant	<u>109.44</u>	
		\$16,105.37

Disbursements:

Library Assistant Wages	\$ 223.00	
Books and Magazines	3,807.14	
Building Maintenance and Services	768.86	
Capital Improvements and Repairs	6,810.39	
Office Expenses	824.75	
Education/Training/Conferences	201.00	
Gifts and Donations	65.00	
Petty Cash/Special Programs	<u>310.00</u>	
		\$13,010.14

Cash on hand January 1, 1989

\$ 3,095.23

EDWARD E. FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

At the March 1988 Town Meeting the Selectmen and other Town Officials were particularly pleased to be able to pay tribute to Edward French, Town Clerk, who had, over the years, contributed so much in the way of time and help to the Town of Bennington. That particular tribute is incorporated in the minutes of that meeting which you will find printed elsewhere in the Town Report.

At that time, with the help and assistance of a great number of people who had the benefit of his help and assistance over the years, we collected \$2,225.00 and established a scholarship fund in his name. Arrangements were made to invest the money at the Peterborough Savings Bank and Mrs. Stephen Chase Jr. acted as liaison with the Conval School Administration in arriving at a selection of a Bennington student to be awarded an annual scholarship. The Selectmen were responsible for the investment of the scholarship fund and the first annual scholarship of \$500.00 was awarded to Anita Handy.

At the time that Ed French died during the summer of 1988, the family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the scholarship account and a total of an additional \$1,480.00 was contributed and added to the scholarship fund.

The fund should be able to pay a \$500.00 scholarship to a Bennington graduate of the Conval School District going on to college for a great many years to come. Ed French's friends and associates are happy that this continuing tribute to his memory and to his contributions to the Town of Bennington should continue for many, many years. As of December 31, 1988, there is \$1,732.00 in a CD maturing in June 1989, plus \$1,500.00 in a CD maturing at the end of April in 1990. In addition, there is, in a Peterborough Money Market account, a small current balance.

Original Contribution at		
March 1988 Town Meeting		\$2,225.00
Memorial Contributions		
After His Death		<u>1,480.00</u>
		3,705.00
Interest Earned on Money		
Market Account		<u>46.48</u>
		3,751.48
1988 Scholarship		<u>500.00</u>
		<u>3,251.48</u>
Balance Consists Of:		
One Year C.D. Due in June 1989		1,732.00
Eighteen Month C.D. Due in May 1990		<u>1,500.00</u>
		3,232.00
Money Market Account -		
December 31, 1988	\$519.48	
Less Outstanding Check to		
Hesser Business College	<u>500.00</u>	<u>19.48</u>
Balance		<u><u>3,251.48</u></u>

V.F.W. MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Brown and Knight Post #8268 V.F.W. along with Myers-Olson-Prescott Post #50 American Legion, in memory of all Veterans past and present, as well as all those gone before, to whom we owe our freedoms once again, participated in the customary programs and parades in Bennington, Antrim, and Greenfield.

There were military honor guards at memorial monument locations with prayers, color guards, firing squads, and buglers.

We appreciate the participation of the Antrim Middle School Band, the two buglers, the scouts, members of the various Police Departments, as well as all others that turn out to help or just observe.

Sodas, etc. were made available for the band, scouts, children, etc. at the Bennington Country Store and at the Posts. Wreaths were purchased as well as 12 bronze flag markers and 144 grave flags. Many hours were spent and expenditures totaled \$688.20. We thank the town of Bennington for their appropriations this year.

Herb Flanders,
VFW Post #8268

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1988 Review and Update

The Capital Improvements Committee met late in the fall of 1988 to review the Capital Improvements Program and the projected needs for the town.

The Committee and the Selectmen agreed that they would propose what has been planned in the program for 1989: a replacement police cruiser and a new pumper/tanker for the Fire Department.

The Committee also decided after a review of the town roads that the major planning for 1990 and 1991 should be for substantial road improvements.

The Committee also reviewed the current status of the landfill and decided that it would be wise and necessary to begin a new capital reserve program this year to provide for the eventual capping and closing of the landfill.

We will plan in 1989 to make a final cover on the portion of the land first used when the landfill was opened in 1972. The remaining portion of the landfill will be covered in the coming years.

The total annual contribution to the capital reserve fund that we will be proposing beginning in 1989 is \$90,000.00 per year. It is a large sum of money, but at the same time, it's the minimum that the committee feels will meet the inevitable long term needs of the town. The following is a summary schedule of the current plan:

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
1989 - 1993

<u>Dept. & Item</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Dept. Total</u>
<u>Police</u>						
Cruiser (Net)	10000			12000		22000
<u>Fire</u>						
New Pumper (Net)	100000			35000		
Addition to Fire Station						
Replace Box on Rescue Van					9000	144000
<u>Water Department</u>						
Eaton Ave Line	15000					15000
<u>Road</u>						
Small Truck					30000	
Remove Trestle		20000				
General Road Upgrade		30000	30000	30000		170000
<u>Landfill</u>						
Capping-Initial	40000					
Capping-2nd			100000			
Capping-Final						
	<u>165000</u>	<u>50000</u>	<u>130000</u>	<u>77000</u>	<u>69000</u>	<u>140000</u>
Estimated Capital Reserve 12-31-88					107500	
Add 90000 per year for five years					450000	
Estimated Earnings on Fund Balance					<u>7500</u>	
					<u>565000</u>	
Budget of Capital Expenditures 1989-1993					<u>491000</u>	
Estimated Balance 12-31-93					74000	

PLANNING BOARD

There are four amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance that will be on the ballot at Town meeting this year. One item that will be particularly important to help prevent higher taxes in future years is the Interim Growth Management regulation. I would like to encourage everyone to vote for this regulation as well as the articles also on the Town ballot to change the school allocation formula based on 75% equalized valuation and 25% pupil participation. The school formula change requires a two thirds majority vote so every vote will be needed from Bennington to make the change happen.

Site Plan Review regulations were developed and adopted by the Board in the spring. The subdivision regulations were also brought up-to-date along with a new application fee schedule. Driveway permit regulations also were adopted in December. Copies of all regulations and applications are available in the Selectmen's Office.

Two major subdivisions were approved during the year: The 52 unit condominium development - Birches of Bennington - is located in the the Crotched Mountain ski area and Marshall Bennett's 11 lot subdivision will be located at the end of Durgin Road. Several more subdivisions were also approved.

In addition to normal Planning Board activities, the Board hopes to develop a long-term Growth Management ordinance as well as update the Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program. We will need the help and input of all Town officials and residents as well as professional planners to complete this task.

Wayne C. Roy, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Bennington Zoning Board of Adjustment heard nine (9) appeals during 1988. Due to the similar nature of some of these appeals, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has proposed zoning amendments to the Planning Board which would allow "In-Law Apartments" provided certain conditions are met and, in addition, a proposal which would allow guest cottages. Both proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would be in the form of Special Exceptions decided before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board endorses these amendments and feels that they reflect the needs of the Town.

Residents should be aware that the Board can find itself involved in complicated and time consuming cases. For example, an appeal by one applicant following a denial for a request for a building permit on an undersized lot of approximately .2 acres located at the intersection of South Bennington Road and Dodge Road has resulted in several hearings and meetings, hundreds of man hours, the necessity to contact outside consultants and expenses of approximately \$700.00. Board members should be commended on their dedication, their patience and for their countless unpaid hours in administering the Town zoning ordinance and handling other forms of appeals.

Residents may pick up applications for matters which come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the Town Hall, as well as a list of the requirements which applicants must meet when applying to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

John J. Cronin, III, Chairman

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1: Amend the Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article VII by inserting the following as Section K.

K. Non-conforming Lots of Record

1. In any district in which single family detached dwellings are permitted, such a dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on a vacant lot which was a lawful lot of record as of the date of the zoning regulations making said lot non-conforming. Such buildings may be erected even though the lot does not conform to the area or frontage requirements of this ordinance.
2. The applicable district requirements for setbacks and other requirements not involving area or frontage shall still apply to non-conforming lots of record.
3. No structure or building shall be erected on a non-conforming lot of record unless the septic system requirements of the State of New Hampshire are complied with.
4. In the event two contiguous non-conforming lots of record are in common ownership and do not individually meet the district requirements for setbacks and other requirements not involving area and frontage shall be deemed to constitute a single lot for the purpose of complying with this ordinance and shall not be sold or transferred as separate lots.

Amendment #2: Amend the Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article XIII: Section A: Special Exception by inserting the following after number 7:

Insert the letter A before Light Industry.

- B. Guest cottages in association with primary dwellings may be permitted by special exception in the Rural/Agricultural District only if all the following conditions and limitations are met:
1. There shall be no more than one guest cottage on each lot.
 2. The guest cottage shall be for the sole use of guests or members of the family of the residents of the principal dwelling, and shall not be a rental property.
 3. The area of the lot accommodating the principal dwelling and the guest cottage shall not be less than four (4) acres.
 4. The total living area of a guest cottage shall be less than seven hundred (700) square feet.

5. The sewage disposal system design for the guest cottage shall have been approved by the New Hampshire Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control and any other applicable regulations.
 6. The guest cottage unit shall comply with all other ordinances of the Rural/Agricultural District.
- C. The addition of not more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit to a primary dwelling unit may be allowed by special exception if all the following conditions are met:
1. Such addition is within or attached to the primary dwelling unit.
 2. The person or persons who own the lot shall reside in either the accessory dwelling unit or the primary residence.
 3. The accessory dwelling unit shall be occupied as a residence by no more than two (2) persons.
 4. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum floor area of 300 square feet, but shall not be greater than twenty five percent (25%) of the total floor area of the building.
 5. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a separate entrance and shall have adequate egress in case of fire or other hazard.
 6. No change shall be made to the exterior of the residence which would detract from its appearance as a one family residence.
 7. The sewage disposal system design for the residence, either existing or as it may be modified, shall have been approved by the New Hampshire Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control and any other applicable regulations.
 8. The accessory dwelling unit shall comply with all other ordinances of the Village District, Rural/Agricultural District, and Water Resource Protection Zone.

Insert the letter D before Action by Board.

Amendment #3: Amend the Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article XII by deleting the following:

12. Lots in the commercial/recreational district, subdivided for residential use, may qualify for a density bonus, provided that dwellings are clustered in a way that protects the Town of Bennington's agricultural, forestry, water, and aesthetic resources. The Planning Board may approve an overall density on a tract of up to 1/2 acre per dwelling unit.

Amendment #4: Amend the Bennington Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Article XVII entitled, "Growth Management: Interim Regulation," said article to read as follows:

Article XVII - Growth Management: Interim Regulation

Section 1. Authority. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 674:23, the Town of Bennington hereby enacts Interim Growth Management Regulations.

Section 2. Statement of Need. Since 1979, Bennington's population has increased from 890 to 1,205 in 1988. An average of 12.2 dwelling units per year were approved between 1979 and 1984. Since then, that average has increased to 46 dwelling units per year for a total of 287 dwelling units in 9 years. With the combined total of 115 undeveloped lots; 44 approved units in 1988, and 76 anticipated proposed sub-division lots -- 235 dwelling units -- a population of 1,769 could result by 1990. To allow this growth to continue at such an uncontrolled rate, will have a detrimental effect on the Town's ability to provide services to its citizens including education, recreation, fire and police protection, adequate roadways, and solid waste disposal. The November 28, 1988 Findings of Fact Report of the Bennington Planning Board serves us as a basis to this statement.

Section 3. The purposes of this Article are as follows:

- a. To insure that the rate of growth of the Town to be experienced in coming years does not unreasonably interfere with the Town's capacity for planned orderly expansion of its services to accommodate such growth.
- b. To authorize and provide time for the Planning Board to update the 1986 Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program and develop a growth management process under the provisions of RSA 674:22 and RSA 674:5.

Section 4. Definitions

Dwelling Unit - For the purpose of this Article XVII, a dwelling unit means a building or that portion of a building consisting of one (1) or more rooms designed for living and sleeping purposes, including kitchen and sanitary facilities and intended for occupancy by not more than one (1) family or household.

Lot of Record - For the purposes of this Article XVII, a lot of record shall be a lot properly recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as of January 1, 1989 and further that such lot shall be in separate ownership and not contiguous with other lots in the same ownership, unless such lot and any contiguous lots are shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board or all said lots conform to all requirements of the appropriate zoning district.

Section 5. Application - This Interim Regulation shall apply to all subdivision applications, all site plan review applications, and all building permits.

Section 6. Regulation - This Interim Regulation hereby imposes the following requirements:

- a. Any lot subdivided during the period of this regulation shall not be further subdivided.
- b. No existing lot of record shall be subdivided into more than three (3) lots. The intended use for each lot shall be stated on the submitted plat or site plan.
- c. The total number of dwelling units permitted for any subdivision, site plan or building permit approved here-under shall not exceed two (2).

Section 7. Expiration - This Article XVII shall be in force for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of approval of the Town Legislative Body or until the earliest effective date of an Ordinance adopted by the Town under the provisions of RSA 674:22 which addresses the unusual circumstances that prompted the adoption of this Zoning Amendment, whichever first occurs.

Section 8. Separability - If any article, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Article XVII is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Article and/or other Town Regulations in effect at any time.

BENNINGTON PLANNING BOARD
By: Wayne C. Roy
Elaine Barrett
Frank Cordelle
Herbert Flanders
James Trow
Peter Eppig, alternate

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	BIRTH PLACE OF MOTHER
01-10-88	Peterborough	Carrie A. Landers	Gary Landers	Virginia Storey	Bennington	RI
01-14-88	Concord	Erica A. McKenney	Dennis McKenney	Darlene Rodeschin	Bennington	NH
02-05-88	Peterborough	Alex B.Carswell	Daniel Carswell	Claudette Larose	Bennington	VT
02-17-88	Concord	Brent L. Tillson	Bruce Tillson	Michele Cote	Bennington	NH
03-19-88	Peterborough	Christopher A. Stokes	Brian Stokes	Linda Sawyer	Bennington	NH
03-23-88	Peterborough	Thomas J. Belcher	Thomas Belcher	Debra Paradise	Bennington	NH
04-12-88	Peterborough	Brian P. Quinn	Dale Quinn	Robin Martel	Bennington	NH
06-23-88	Nashua	Patrick R. Chamberlin	Amos Chamberlin	Priscilla Beauregard	Bennington	MA
06-27-88	Peterborough	Patrick S. Luckern	Maurice Luckern Sr.	Debra Thurman	Bennington	WA
07-10-88	Peterborough	Armand J. Courtemanche	Roland Courtemanche	Mary Castaldo	Bennington	CA
07-12-88	Keene	Renee H. Lavoie	Paul Lavoie Jr.	Laurie Elms	Bennington	VT
08-15-88	Peterborough	Brittany E. Demers	Brian Demers	Rebecca Brooks	Bennington	NH
09-28-88	Peterborough	Whitney L. Cameron	David Cameron	Heather Martin	Bennington	NH
11-28-88	Peterborough	Jillianna J. Trento	Frank Trento	Tracey Seymour	Bennington	NY

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Cheryl L. Woods, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE DECEASED	AGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	SEX	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
03-03-88	Bennington	Charles G. Beauvais	81	Jaffrey, NH	M	John Beauvais	Nixon
03-06-88	Peterborough	Robert L. Blanchard	74	Greenfield, NH	M	George Blanchard	Wheeler
03-16-88	Peterborough	Mabel B. Beauvais	83	Chateaugay, NY	F	Herbert Bissonette	Johnson
03-29-88	Peterborough	Mary C. Chamberlain	92	Peterborough, NH	F	Lyman Parker	Edes
04-29-88	Peterborough	Helen M. Powers	78	Hillsboro, NH	F	Henry Adams	Robinson
05-18-88	Peterborough	Beatrice Cuddemi	71	Troy, NH	F	Walter LaPointe	Michaud
06-09-88	Peterborough	Delmar L. Williams	73	Somerville, MA	M	Frank Williams	Brown
08-05-88	Bennington	Edward E. French	85	Bennington, NH	M	Franklin French	Smith
11-16-88	Manchester	Daniel R. Cole	53	Grasmere, NH	M	Charles Cole	French
11-19-88	Bennington	Deborah S. MacGregor	40	Montclair, NJ	F	Bryce Smith	Reid
12-02-88	Bennington	Margaret L. Moore	84	Boston, MA	F	William Laburn	Lawrie
12-02-88	Manchester	Jean L. Emond	62	South Boston, MA	F	Edward Julian	N/A

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best my knowledge and belief.
Cheryl L. Woods, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME & RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
February 14, 1988 Bennington, NH	Ricky M. Chandler Kristine A. Longever	Bennington Bennington	Daniel K. Poling Deering Minister
February 14, 1988 Bennington, NH	Richard B. Ellis Deborah D. Gately	Bennington Bennington	Daniel K. Poling Deering Minister
March 9, 1988 Mont Vernon, NH	Jeffrey K. Burnett Nicole J. Barr	Bennington Amherst	Joseph G. Thomas Mont Vernon Minister
May 14, 1988 Goffstown, NH	Brian C. Davis Traci L. Bento	Bennington Litchfield	Gerald F. McCarthy Manchester Priest
May 15, 1988 Bennington, NH	Joseph M. Davy Jr. Tracy L. Sudsbury	Bennington Bennington	Barbara Huntley Bennington J.P.
July 1, 1988 Sharon, NH	John R. Bell Kim M. Robichaud	Bennington Bennington	Mary Ann Fogden Sharon J.P.
July 2, 1988 Bennington, NH	George F. Chicoine Jr. Tori L. Seneschal	Bennington Bennington	Daniel K. Poling Deering Minister
July 23, 1988 Bennington, NH	Duane D. Apgar Virginia G. Fowler	Bennington Phillipsburg, NJ	Mary Ann Fogden Sharon J.P.
August 6, 1988 Bennington, NH	David P. Jones Gale A. Seymour	Antrim Bennington	John P. Arnold Francestown J.P.

August 13, 1988 East Washington, NH	Edward G. Thayer Jane F. Houghton	Bennington Bennington	John E. Ward III Bradford	Pastor
August 27, 1988 Alton, NH	John P. Segedy Deborah J. Morse	Bennington Bennington	Rev. Dwight Meader Alton	Minister
September 17, 1988 Rindge, NH	Jeffrey L. Putnam Beth A. Hammer	Bennington Antrim	Rev. Richard Tulip Rindge	Minister
September 24, 1988 Bennington, NH	Randy J. Wood Lisa A. Greenwood	Bennington Henniker	Rev. Daniel K. Poling Deering	Minister
September 24, 1988 Bennington, NH	Walter E. Starkweather Lisa M. Sweeney	Bennington Bennington	Barbara Huntley Bennington	J.P.
October 29, 1988 Antrim, NH	Alfred Ely III Ann E. Bacon	Bennington Bennington	Rev. M. E. Green York Penn.	Minister
December 20, 1988 Bennington NH	Rolf M. Milke Merrill D. Noonan	Bennington Francestown	Barbara Huntley Bennington	J.P.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Cheryl L. Woods, Town Clerk

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& Clukay, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

131 Middle Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
(603) 622-7070
February 8, 1989

Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the various funds and account groups of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 1988, and have issued our report dated February 8, 1989. As part of our examination, we made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such an evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed derived benefits and that evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, errors can result from misunderstanding of instructions, mistakes of judgment, carelessness or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of the financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study of the system of internal accounting control for the year ending December 31, 1988, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based on selective tests of accounting records and related data. The study and

evaluation disclosed no weaknesses which we consider to be material. The recommendations which follow were developed from our observation of the Town's operations and are not the result of any special study.

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS

Fund Accounting

Water and sewer operations are accounted for as line item departments of the General Fund. Governmental accounting practice traditionally accounts for activities of this nature in a separate fund in order to facilitate financial management. We urge that the Town establish individual funds to account for water and sewer activities.

Formal Commitment of Water and Sewer Charges

State law provides that if a municipality commits its water charges to the tax collector, the process of collection becomes essentially identical to property tax collection. State law requires that sewer charges be committed. We were unable to determine the existence of formal warrants signed by either the Water or Sewer Commissioners and recommend that such warrants be prepared in the future.

DEPOSIT OF TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are held for remittance to the Treasurer until sufficient volume is on hand for deposit. In order to maximize cash on hand, to immediately determine that funds are available to support the checks, and to minimize the risk of loss through theft or accidental destruction we believe that the Tax Collector should deposit directly to the Town's account either weekly or when receipts on hand total \$500 as is required under State regulations for tax collection.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

During our tests of expenditures we noted no indication that invoices we approved at the department level before they were forwarded to the Selectmen for payment. We recommend that department heads should indicate their approval of receipt of goods or services on invoices before they are processed for payment. We also believe that Town officials should consider adopting formal purchasing procedures should be developed in order to enhance internal accounting control.

PERSONNEL RECORDS

During our tests of payroll we observed that documentation for employees was not centralized. We believe that sound business practice requires that records relating to employees and employment history be maintained. We recommend that the Town officials consider formalizing employment policies and systems.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

During 1988 Town operated a single entry accounting system basically designed by the State of New Hampshire Tax Commission in the mid-1930's. We realize that the Town is in the process of converting to a computerized accounting system and commend Town officials for their foresight. We urge that a written plan be developed to implement the new accounting system.

TOWN CLERK FILING SYSTEM

We noted that motor vehicle permits were filed in the order in which they appear in the Town Clerk's cash journal. We believe the Town Clerk could more efficiently locate the permits if they were filed in alphabetical order.

A letter of this nature concentrates on identified problem areas. We do not mean to imply criticism of Town officials but want to highlight areas where we believe operating procedures could be strengthened. We wish to express our thanks to the Officials of the Town for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Carey Vachon, Jr. Charles R.



THE LAST TRAIN TO BENNINGTON

The railroad had served Bennington since the early 1870's but the last train to Bennington made a delivery to Monadnock Paper Mill on May 29, 1986. The so-called Hillsboro Branch Line now comes out of Nashua only as far as Wilton. An era has come to an end.